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## *A Tradition of Industry Involvement*

Reaching the century milestone is a special achievement for any company and an even greater one in our volatile industry, which, next to the restaurant industry, has the highest business failure rate. Each year, thousands of business decisions need to be made—some of which could result in the demise of your company if not properly handled. One such decision, made very early in our history, was the decision to be involved in organizations representing the electrical industry of Chicago.

The most prominent organization in this regard is the Electrical Contractors Association of Chicago & Cook County (ECA). In 2003, the ECA included a page in their special centennial annual report showing the ECA officers and membership roster from 1916. On that page, James O. Kelso was listed as the treasurer. Of the 42 Chicago contractors listed, the only company remaining in business today is Kelso-Burnett.

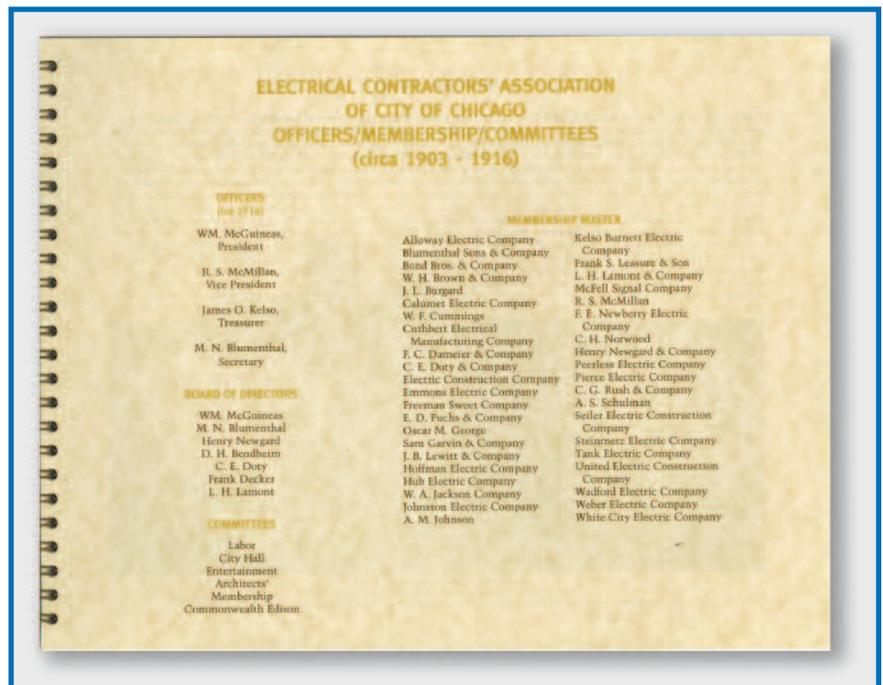
From its inception, Kelso-Burnett has been very active in the ECA, helping to promote education, establishing codes and standards, and negotiating labor agreements between the 14,000 members of IBEW Local 134 and over 900 signatory contractors in Chicago. Four of our company's presidents have served as president of the ECA. No other Chicago contractor has had more than one fill that role. We are also involved at the national level of the organization. The last person from Chicago to serve as the National Electrical Contractors Association president was Kelso President Oliver Burnett Jr.

The ECA is only one of many organizations we are actively involved with. Other local organizations include the Electric Association (EA), the Chicago Building

Congress (CBC), Corporate Real Estate Network (CoreNet), International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), Commercial Real Estate Organization (CREO), Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Building Industry Consulting Services International, Inc. (BICSI), InterNational Electrical Testing Association (NETA), National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET), and many more.

On the national and international level, Kelso is the Chicago representative to Federated Electrical Contractors (FEC) and the Political Leadership Council (PLC), and is a founder of Electric International. Sometime during the next 100 years, I hope to be able to discuss some of these organizations in more detail! In the meantime, Kelso-Burnett will continue in our commitment to help shape the future of our industry in Chicago and beyond.

—Brad Weir, President



## *Glen Ellyn Clinic*

The new Glen Ellyn medical building, operated by the DuPage Medical Group, opened on March 10, 2008, after many months of hard work. The \$21 million facility, located in downtown Glen Ellyn, will replace the current building. The three-story, 92,000-square foot clinic will house internal medicine, pediatrics, allergy, obstetrics and gynecology, audiology, dermatology, diabetic education, ophthalmology, orthopedics, otolaryngology (ENT), physical therapy and surgery offices. The new building will feature upgraded medical equipment, diagnostic testing facilities, digital mammography and an ultrasound suite. Retail space, an optical shop and a deli will occupy the first floor.

Kelso-Burnett provided electrical work and low voltage cabling for the Glen Ellyn clinic. The Kelso electrical team, led by Project Manager Bill Martin and Project Foreman Brian Chaplin, wired the MRI room, the CATH lab, the mammogram room, three types of radiology rooms, and the offices and examination rooms. They even successfully worked around the facility's large waterfall. Led by Project Manager Barry O'Flynn and Project Foremen Tom LeClaire and Curt Lange, Kelso also installed a great deal of low voltage cabling: fiber optics, a copper backbone and Category 6 cabling in 643 locations



throughout the building. The project, contracted for \$3,600,000, took 20,900 man-hours to complete between the electrical and cabling groups.

The project went smoothly and was completed on time and within budget. The medical group was very pleased with the results. "This is a state-of-the-art building that will benefit Glen Ellyn and the surrounding community," said Ed Carne, the medical group's chief executive officer.

## *OSHA Signs Alliance*

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)'s Calumet City Area Office has signed an alliance with the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust (EJATT) in Alsip, IL. EJATT, sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134 and the National Electrical Contractors' Association (NECA), provides training and skilled craft education for approximately 17,000 apprentices and journeymen who work in Chicago and the rest of Cook County. The alliance will enhance the safety training these apprentices and journeymen receive and will focus on electrical hazards such as arc flash and arc blast.

"During the past few years we've worked closely with OSHA to promote increased safety training, and we're pleased to continue this work through this alliance," said Dr. John Donahue, director of the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute, which operates the training site in Alsip.

Safety and health alliances are part of OSHA's ongoing efforts to improve the safety and health of employees. OSHA currently has more than 460 alliances throughout the nation.



## *Around Chicago*

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*This regular feature showcases unique entertainment and exciting things to do in the Chicago area.*

### **Cost of Freedom Tribute '08**

Alexian Field, home of the Schaumburg Flyers, is hosting one of Memorial Day weekend's premier events from May 23 through May 26, 2008. Make plans to see one of the largest memorial tributes and have the opportunity to tour the Flyer's Stadium up close. Highlights include the Vietnam Traveling Wall as well as all tributes to those who have died in 9/11, WWII, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq. Admission is free, so come out and honor those who have died in the line of duty to protect our nation's freedom.

### **Chicago Blues Festival**

The 25th annual Chicago Blues Festival comes to Chicago's Grant Park on June 5, 2008 and plays through June 8. This event is the largest free-admission blues festival in the world and offers performances from the best in international, national and local blues entertainment. In celebration of the festival's 25th anniversary, the festival will be celebrating key blues figures such as Louis Jordan, Blind John Davis and more. The Chicago Blues Festival makes it obvious why there is nothing in the world like a Chicago summer.



## *K-B Sparks*—Congratulations to all Kelso-Burnett team members!

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### **Mark Weir**

Congratulations to Mark, who recently received a certificate of completion for attending the NECA estimating workshop.



### **Lou Cirrone**

Lou was recently hired as a Division Manager for Kelso-Burnett's Rolling Meadows office.



### **Steve Woznicki**

Steve was recently hired as a Contract Manager for Kelso-Burnett's Lake County office, located in Zion.



### **Heidi Papa**

Congratulations to Heidi, who works out of the Rolling Meadows Office, for her recent promotion from Operations Coordinator to Operations Manager of the Rolling Meadows office.



### **Paul Hill**

Paul was recently hired as a Division Manager for Kelso-Burnett's Rolling Meadows office.

## *K-B's Reader Review*

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### *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*

By Lance Armstrong with Sally Jenkins

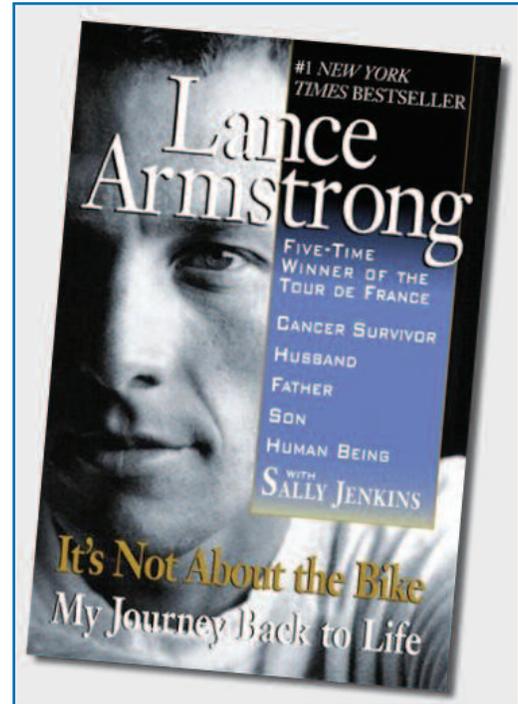
This is one of the most inspirational autobiographies I have ever read, and it comes from the truly remarkable life experiences of an extremely determined man. This book goes far beyond the sport of cycling and gives the reader an in-depth perspective on Armstrong's personal life and grueling fight against testicular cancer.

One of the most intriguing parts of this autobiography is when early in the book, Lance Armstrong says, "... that cancer was the best thing that happened to me." He goes on to say, "When I was sick I saw more beauty and triumph and truth in a single day than I ever saw in a bike race."

Overcoming cancer and becoming an athletic champion requires a toughness of spirit, mind and body that is hard for most of us to imagine. This inspirational book portrays beautifully how one can start with the right spirit and overcome enormous obstacles.

Please share this book with people who need this inspiration.

—*Dave Chorley, Kelso-Burnett*



#### **Stefan Lopata**

Stefan, Vice President of the Rolling Meadows office, and his wife Peggy recently gave back to society by serving as Committee Members for the Race for Relief which benefits the Irish Sisters of the Assumption Missionaries in South Africa. The Race for Relief was held at the Hawthorne Race Course and the event raised over \$50,000.

For more information on Race for Relief or to make a contribution to the cause, visit the website at [www.raceforrelief.org](http://www.raceforrelief.org).



#### **Lake County Kelso-Burnett Co.**

Congratulations to Kelso-Burnett's Lake County branch for receiving the 2007 LCCA (Lake County Contractors Association) Safety Award for their commitment to workplace safety. This award is given to companies who have a better than average national lost workday ratio. Our Lake County Branch had a lost workday ratio of 1.88%, compared to the national average of 2.3%. Once again, Kelso-Burnett is recognized for demonstrating superior performance in employee safety.

## Mel Ames Featured in Northwest Herald

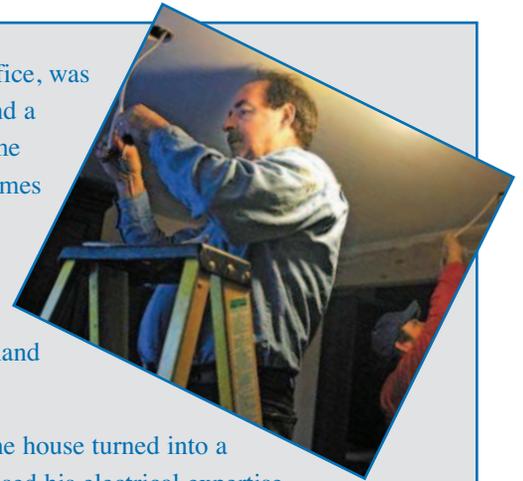
Mel Ames, a Contech foreman electrician who works out of the Rolling Meadows office, was recently featured in a *Northwest Herald* article for the kind and charitable work he and a team of neighbors performed. Holly Richard, a Crystal Lake resident, lost her longtime boyfriend, John Wett Jr., after he suffered a massive heart attack on January 19. As Ames and the other neighbors learned of her situation, they immediately wanted to help. Ames talked to Richard, and she mentioned the interior remodeling Wett was unable to finish.

“As soon as she said that, we said, ‘Let’s spend some time over here to give them a hand with their kitchen,’” Ames said.

Ames and his fellow neighbors completely renovated the kitchen and living room. The house turned into a quasi-construction zone, with five or six men working on the home at a time. Ames used his electrical expertise to work on the wiring.

Richard was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. “This is a story of extreme kindness, love and a story of hope,” said Richard. “Unselfish, caring people do exist.”

Kelso-Burnett is extremely proud of Ames’ hard work and giving spirit. We are lucky to have him as a member of our team.



### “100 Year Anniversary Celebration”

In honor of Kelso-Burnett’s long-lasting success, we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary with special events throughout the year.

**“Old power plant workers never die  
they just de-generate.”**

—Unknown

## K-B Milestones

Kelso-Burnett has been a member of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) since July 26, 1916. Only ten companies, nationwide, have been members longer than Kelso-Burnett Co.



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The National Electrical Contractors Association is the voice of the electrical contracting industry



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responsible for lighting, power, and communication systems in buildings and communities across the United States. Its mission is to promote higher standards, quality workmanship and training for a skilled workforce.



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The safety department at Kelso-Burnett offers OSHA 10

and 30-hour classes. For more information or to schedule a class, contact Scott Johnson at (847) 483-3826 or Cathy Kay at (847) 483-3827.



### **NFPA 70E Training**

Kelso-Burnett continues to train employees and clients on the NFPA 70E requirements. Only an employee who is certified as an “Electrically Qualified Worker” may approach and work on live systems. He or she must also utilize an Energized Work Permit. Contact Cathy Kay at (847) 483-3827 if you would like to schedule a training session.