

# CATAWBA VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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## November 10<sup>th</sup>

GUEST SPEAKER:

### Andy Wells

NC State Senator for the 42nd District



and Managing Partner at Prism Development



Market on Main  
535 Main Ave SW  
Hickory, NC 28602

**Social Hour:** 5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Dinner & Meeting:** 6:30 PM

**Dinner Menu:** *TBD*

**PLEASE REGISTER/RSVP NO LATER  
THAN TUESDAY, November 8th!**

**Bring a guest/potential member  
and let them see the benefits of PCEA! \*\***  
(Guest Registration is FREE)

#### Chapter Officers:

President – Patty Delgado

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## UPCOMING PCEA EVENTS

**November 10<sup>th</sup>—  
Monthly Business  
Meeting**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> –  
Annual Christmas  
Party at Market  
on Main**

**January 12<sup>th</sup> –  
Monthly Business  
Meeting**



## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

Our deepest condolences

Brady B. Eckard, father of long-time PCEA member Tony Eckard (Hickory Glass, Inc.) passed away on October 21, 2016. Funeral arrangements are on Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Rd. Newton, NC 28658 or Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 2780 N Center St. Hickory, NC 28601. Please keep Tony and his family in your thoughts & prayers!

The following is from a post on Tony's Facebook page...

**Brady B. Eckard**

**June 23, 1925 - October 21, 2016**

*"They say that your tombstone has the date you were born, the date you died, and the dash in between them. I'll tell you that this man's dash was filled to the brim with fun, laughter, and love. I will miss him a lot, but I know he is now with the Lord, and feeling no pain. Here is a tribute I wrote to him 2 years ago on Father's Day:*

*My Dad*

*I remember Dad sometimes slept late on Saturday mornings. Cartoons would start around 7:30 on Saturday morning. I would go turn the TV on in the Den, open both of the bathroom doors, and crawl in the bed with Dad. I would lay my head on his chest and watch cartoons through the open bathroom doors. If he fell back asleep and started to snore, I'd pull the hair on his chest and wake him up.*

*As I grew up, he taught me to fish, he taught me how to handle and use firearms, he taught me how to hunt. My love of the outdoors and wildlife came from my Dad. He was always there for me. He came to my baseball games, of course looking back, I'm sure they were pretty comical. I was never very good at sports, I was mediocre at best, but he still came to watch. My Dad taught me how to work on things, or at least break them and go buy another one that works. I'd hate to think how many thousands of dollars that has cost me over the years.*

*When I became a teenager he gave me the space that I needed to find out who I was. Of course as I came close to the limits, he would step in and explain the rules to me. I always knew where the lines were that weren't supposed to be crossed. I won't say I didn't cross those lines a time or two, because I did. But I only visited across those lines, I never stayed very long. I spent most of my time on the wrong side of the lines looking back over my shoulders, because I knew without a doubt that if he caught me over the line, he would bust my butt.*

*When I got to drinking age, Mother and I were at odds every single day. She would scream, holler, and threaten me. Her biggest deterrent, was one of my biggest motivators. Every time she caught me drinking, she would yell at me "you are going to be just like your Father". Well that was just fine with me, in fact I strived to be like him. My Father was a Godly man who would do anything to help a friend or neighbor, and he knew how to let his hair down and have a good time. I remember one of his rules was: I don't care what you do on Saturday night or how bad you feel on Sunday morning, your butt will be in a pew at church on Sunday morning. I wasn't real happy with that rule but I did as I was told. I watched my Father go to church every Sunday and sing in the choir, go to Bible Studies, and help out with whatever needed to be done at the church. I stopped going to church when I left home, and stayed away from church for about 8 – 10 years. But I always felt like my life was missing something, so I went back to church. I owe my love of God to my Dad, I've been back in church now for about 30 years now, and have never regretted it. When Josh was born we decided to raise him in church just as both of us were raised.*

*Dad has always been there and done whatever he could do to help. When he retired he helped do about everything that went on at Mt. Olive Lutheran. I went with him several times to work on doors or replace broken glass at the church. When Mom was confined to a nursing home, he was there every single day taking care of her. Right up to the day she died.*

*This man has always and will always be my hero. He didn't teach me to be a man with his words, he showed me how. Thanks Dad for always being there!"*

## *ELECTION DAY & EARLY VOTING*

Don't forget to **VOTE** on Election Day - Tuesday, November 8th!! Early voting in Catawba County is open and ends on Saturday, November 5th.



### *PCEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: OPEN OFFICES*

The Catawba Valley Chapter of PCEA currently has openings on the Board of Directors for the offices of Secretary and the President-Elect. The Board of Directors meet monthly during lunch on the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 pm at the Olde Tavern on Hwy 127 in Viewmont. For details of the officer positions and duties, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a downloadable PDF file. Please consider if you are able to serve in either of the open officer positions and [EMAIL PCEA](#) if you are interested.

### *REMINDERS:*

The **November PCEA Monthly Meeting** is **Thursday, November 10th at Market on Main**. Our guest speaker will be State Senator and Managing Partner of Prism Development, Andy Wells! Andy will be discussing Current Events and will have an open Q&A session.

As always, Social Hour starts at 5:30, with dinner & the meeting starting at 6:30. All regular meetings, including the Christmas Party are included in your membership dues, so there is no extra cost to attend this meeting! Know someone who would benefit from PCEA? Bring them as your FREE guest! Please click the link to [REGISTER ONLINE](#) for this meeting, and remember to register any guests you are bringing.

Tickets are available for the **Annual Gun Raffle!** This year, the winning first prize ticket will win TWO GUNS - a Smith & Wesson M&P15 Sport II Rifle (AR-15) ~AND~ a Mossberg 500 Persuader 12 Gauge Shotgun!! Tickets are \$10/each or a book of 5 tickets for \$40 - **Only 500 Tickets Available--Get yours before they are gone!** [EMAIL US](#) to purchase tickets, or [BUY TICKETS ONLINE!](#) The drawing will be held at the annual Christmas Party.

**The 2017 PCEA National Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC, look for the Call to Convention in the next few months.**



Every October, the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration releases a preliminary list of the 10 most frequently cited safety and health violations for the fiscal year, compiled from nearly 32,000 inspections of workplaces by federal OSHA staff.

**One remarkable thing about the list is that it rarely changes.** Year after year, our inspectors see thousands of the same on-the-job hazards, any one of which could result in a fatality or severe injury.

Consider this list a starting point for workplace safety:

1. **Fall protection**
2. **Hazard communication**
3. **Scaffolds**
4. **Respiratory protection**
5. **Lockout/tagout**
6. **Powered industrial trucks**
7. **Ladders**
8. **Machine guarding**
9. **Electrical wiring**
10. **Electrical, general requirements**

It's no coincidence that falls are among the leading causes of worker deaths, particularly in construction, and our top 10 list features lack of fall protection as well as ladder and scaffold safety issues. We know how to protect workers from falls, and have an ongoing campaign to inform employers and workers about these measures. **Employers must take these issues seriously.**

We also see far too many workers killed or gruesomely injured when machinery starts up suddenly while being repaired, **or hands and fingers are exposed to moving parts.** **Lockout/tagout and machine guarding violations are often the culprit here.** Proper lockout/tagout procedures ensure that machines are powered off and can't be turned on while someone is working on them. And installing guards to keep hands, feet and other appendages away from moving machinery prevents amputations and worse.

Rounding out the top 10 list are violations related to electrical safety, an area where the dangers are well-known.

**SAFETY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT!**

## Board of Directors Meeting Dates

*(Please Save these Dates)*

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**



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