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This annual MGM competition has worked well in introducing our organization to new prospects, as well as creating spirited, fun competitions between chapters. Check out the Member Services section of www.scte.org and see where your chapter stands in this competition. The overall medals will soon be awarded; don't miss out on a medal by a few 100ths of a point. Introduce a new prospect today.

Good luck and good sportsmanship!

NYMA, New England Wins October Events

Congratulations to the following chapters for their strong showings in the first two SCTElympics events:

Table Tennis (Oct. 1-15)

Gold: NYMA (New York Metro Area)

Chapter—38 points

Silver: New England Chapter—12 points

Bronze: Razorback Chapter—10 points

Weightlifting (Oct. 16-31)

Gold: New England Chapter—34 points

Silver: Mid-South Chapter—22 points

Bronze: Cactus and Ontario Chapters (tie)—12 points

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The seminar's value lies also in its ability to help bridge the communications gap between technical and nontechnical employees in the industry. SCTE members were encouraged to spread the word about this new offering to their colleagues in need of a comprehensive course on cable technology.

SCTE Director of Certification and Program Development Joel E. Welch delivered the New York seminar and SCTE Vice President of Technical Programs Mary Nelson presented the seminar the next day in California.

Here is a sampling of reaction to the new SCTE offering from those who attended:

"The course was an excellent big picture snapshot of the opportunities and challenges related to the current technologies," said John Martin, chief financial officer, Advanced I.

"Good course. Good teacher. Challenge is that there is so much interest out there in emerging commercial applications such as VoIP that staying current is tough. This sort of course can be a great tool for staying current," said Matt Clark, senior implementation consultant, DST Innovis.

"As a recruiter for Comcast, my job requires me to speak with industry experts on a daily basis. This course will enable me to understand the technology, so I can speak to those experts on a professional level," said Jeffery McFelle, recruiter, Comcast Cable.

"This is the type of course that I have long believed would be of value to the local cable community," said Steven Goldmintz, senior recruiter, cable and media, A.E. Feldman Associates.

"As a programmer this course really helped me understand the technical issues MSOs face when launching a channel. I now can have an intelligent conversation on the subject," said Marco Ghedini, regional marketing manager, International Channel.

First Checks Presented to Hurricane Victims

On Oct. 27, SCTE South Florida Chapter President Stephen Brazil, Vice President Joe Nemeskal and Board Member Sean Patt presented Hurricane Relief Fund checks to five employees of Comcast Port Charlotte whose lives were severely impacted by Hurricane Charley in August.

"Thanks to the generous contributions we received from around the country, each employee received a check for \$500! Our next presentation will be in Vero Beach on the East Coast, which was impacted by hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, and then we will go to where Hurricane Ivan destroyed so much," reports the chapter. "Everyone's support of the fund is vital to helping these cable people impacted so greatly by Florida's four storms."

South Florida Chapter, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., established the Hurricane Relief Fund this past summer for Florida cable employees and their families. Brazil says the storms greatly impacted the chapter's membership. The chapter has posted information on its website, www.scte.org/chapters/southfl, that allows any individual or organization to contribute to this relief effort and to nominate someone for assistance. Contributors to date are acknowledged on the site as well.