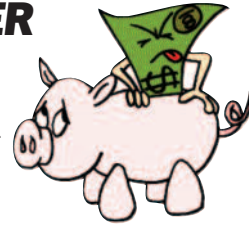


REMINDER - REMINDER ESTATE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS



Grady EMC would like to remind those members that are entitled to an estate capital credit refund to contact your cooperative at 229/377-4182. When calling, please ask for a customer service representative who will gladly assist you with this process. As stated, the refunds that are presently being returned are for estates. Under the bylaws of your cooperative, each dollar of payment by a member in excess of the cost of providing electric services is an investment in the cooperative by the member. Capital credits are used by your cooperative for the expansion of general plant and facilities. It is, in effect, invested in poles, wire, transformers, substations and other property owned by the cooperative. The use of capital credits helps lower the cooperative's needs for borrowed funds and reduces the overall indebtedness to RUS and CFC for loans. ■

Notes of Interest

December 2001

Dec. 11 - Area 5 EMC/FFA Wiring contest - ABAC - Tifton, GA

Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday - Office Closed

January 2002

Jan. 1 - New Years Day - Office Closed

Jan. 19 - State EMC/FFA Wiring Contest - Covington, GA

Washington Youth Tour info submitted to schools

February 2002

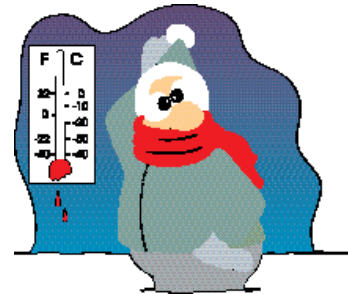
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Walter Harrison Scholarship applications info available

"Don't Blame Your Meter This Winter"

As winter time is upon us again, electricity usage will increase as it has in the past. The following are some areas you might want to consider in making your home more energy efficient; thereby, reducing your overall KWH usage:

1. Check your heating systems. If you have a heat pump, make sure it has been serviced within the last two years. Make sure there is nothing that can restrict air flow through the unit such as grass clippings, leaves, boxes, lawn tools lying on top, etc. Change the air filters at least monthly.
2. Make sure the ductwork for your system has no air leakage and that all the ductwork is insulated. The preferred method for sealing joints and seams in the ductwork is to use Mastic, not tape.
3. If your home has a crawl space under it, R19 batt insulation is recommended between the floor joists. Solid skirting around the home helps prevent air infiltration through the floor and helps prevent animals from damaging ductwork.
3. Electric water heaters, on the average, are the second largest user of electricity in a home. Make sure all exposed water lines are insulated, and the water heater itself is wrapped with a quality insulation blanket. Recommended thermostat settings are 120-130 degrees.
4. Recommend a total insulation value of R38 in the attic. Blown insulation is preferred as it fills in cracks and cavities better than batt insulation.
5. Glass transfers more heat than any other building material in your home. Recommend double pane insulated windows or single pane windows with storm windows. Make sure all windows form a tight seal when shut to prevent air leakage. Seal any cracks with caulk or foam.
6. Install weatherstripping kits around exterior door frames to prevent air leakage. Solid wood or metal, insulated foam-core doors are recommended for exterior doors. Storm doors are also recommended in addition to your exterior doors.
7. If you have a fireplace in your home, make sure the damper is CLOSED when you are NOT USING the fireplace as it will draw heated air from your home. Installing glass doors on your fireplace can help reduce the loss of heated air up through the chimney.



Last winter was extremely cold with a ten day stretch when temperatures didn't get out of the 40's. The best way to try and lower the KWH usage in our homes is to make these homes as tight as possible and address the issues as described above. Keeping thermostats set as low as possible in the winter and as high as possible in the summer while maintaining your own personal comfort is basically all one can do. Monitoring your daily usage and conserving energy when you can will help you achieve lower energy costs. If you have additional questions regarding energy efficiency measures in your home, please call Grady EMC at 229/377-4182. ■

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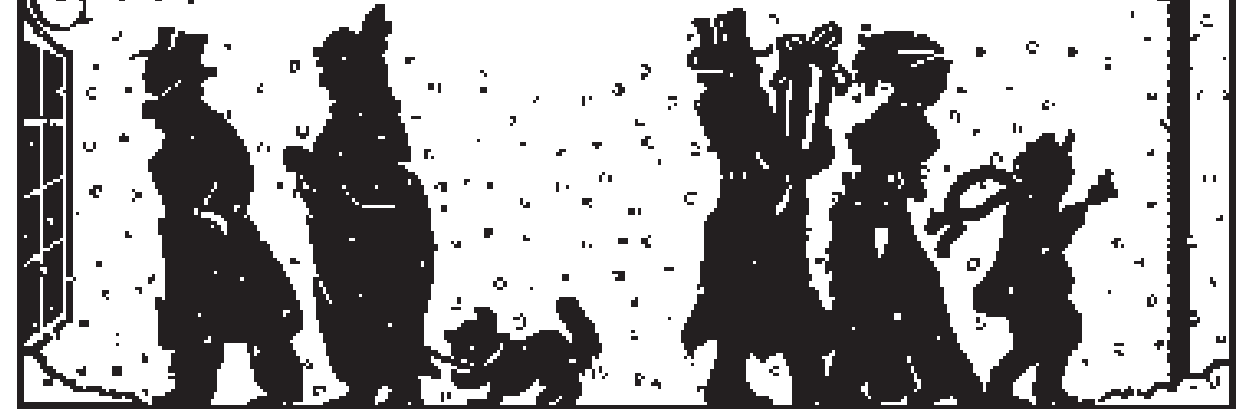


Seasons Greetings and a very Happy New Year

*From the Directors, Staff and Employees of
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*Holiday Hours: Our office will be closed for Christmas, Tuesday, December 25
and for New Year's Day, January 1, 2002.*

*In case of emergency, assistance may be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,
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63rd ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Grady Electric Membership Corporation's 63rd Annual Meeting was conducted on Friday, October 19, 2001 at Grady EMC's complex located on Highway 84W in Cairo. A large crowd came out and enjoyed the beautiful weather, and had a good time visiting with one another. There were 505 members that registered to vote and as a result of this democratic process, Mr. Donald Cooper of District 2, and Mr. L.O. Maxwell, III of District 5 were re-elected to serve as Directors of their respective districts for a three year term. Congratulations to them.

This year's entertainment was provided by The Hymn Masters Quartet composed of Reverend Wayne McDonald, Mr. Bill Bass, Mr. Sam Sirmons, and Mr. Joe Salter. They continue to spread the ministry of Jesus Christ through their music and received a standing ovation at the end as they showed their love of God and the United States of America by performing the American Trilogy.

Another form of entertainment/education was added to this year's meeting by "OSCAR", the robot. Oscar was well received and enjoyed by the crowd. He assisted in several areas of the annual meeting by discussing what electric cooperatives are with some of the youth in attendance, assisted in registration activities, mingled with the crowd and even got one lady to dance with him. He also assisted in introducing this year's entertainment and the awarding of gifts at the end.

As the business portion of the meeting began, Reverend Wayne McDonald, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, offered the invocation. Mr. Donald Cooper, Chairman of the Grady EMC Board of Directors, then called the business meeting to order. Mr. J. Kevin Chason, Grady EMC's attorney, was then called upon to conduct the business portion of the meeting. The general manager of Grady EMC, Mr. Thomas A. Rosser, then addressed the crowd. He recognized and introduced some guests in attendance. Mr. Rosser noted that since the last annual meeting that Grady EMC had lost a valued individual, a long-time employee, a past general manager and a good friend, Mr. M. T. Shiver. A moment of silence to honor Mr. Shiver and the victims of the terrorist attacks across our country was called for by Mr. Rosser. Mr. Rosser then asked the question, "California, can it happen here"? He discussed the California electricity crisis and stated that thankfully, the legislators in Georgia had taken a go slow approach since Georgia already had a form of deregulation with the "over 900 KW, customer choice, load exception". Mr. Rosser told the crowd that Grady EMC and Three Notch EMC in Donalsonville, had built the SOWE-GA Power generation facility in 1999 to provide power to us as well as other utilities. He reaffirmed that Grady EMC is a member-owned utility, an electric cooperative that is governed by a Board of



"Oscar" greets and welcomes members Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Barrett

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Directors that the membership elects from it's own and that has the members' interest first, not stockholders. Because of the above statements and, according to Mr. Rosser, as long as we continue to build new generation and plan for the future, and as long as the state's legislature doesn't do anything "Californian", the answer to his question was "not likely". He then discussed the issue of terrorism on all power plants, not just Georgia's, and said that they were under additional security. Mr. Rosser stated that as new methods to create disturbances surface, we will adjust accordingly. He discussed the new phone system Grady EMC had installed to improve service to the members. He recognized the problems we were experiencing and hopefully that the "bugs" had been worked out and thanked the membership for their patience and understanding as

Grady EMC Sponsors Georgia High School Association

Grady EMC, along with other Georgia EMCs have joined together to sponsor the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) State Championships. Your Cooperative believes this sponsorship reinforces our commitment to our communities and to our future which belongs to the young people.

Grady EMC, in conjunction with other EMCs, will host a Coaches' Corner Hospitality Tent during the Girls Softball tournament, Cross Country State Championship, Football semi-finals, Basketball State Finals, and Boys and Girls Track Championships. The space allows coaches to visit, relax, eat snacks, plan the next game and receive a free T-shirt.

To further promote the GHSA, television spots will run during GHSA/Georgia Public Television coverage of Football semi-finals at the Georgia Dome on December 14 and 15 and the Boys and Girls Basketball finals in Macon at the Centreplex.

In addition, GPTV will air Prep Plus Sports, a 30-minute show of weekly high school sports highlights to be aired on Friday evenings and repeated on Saturdays. ■



we try to improve this service to you. As Mr. Rosser closed, he recognized the Board of Directors and employees and asked the crowd to join him in a round of applause for the jobs they do and to thank them for their service. He also thanked those in attendance for taking the time to attend, and participate in their annual meeting. His last remark was, "May God Bless America".

The remaining portion of the meeting included a great number of door prizes that were awarded with the grand prize being a 27 inch color TV donated this year by Bobby Dollar Appliance and Electronics of Thomasville.

We look forward to seeing you at your 64th annual meeting in 2002. ■

Grady EMC Participates in sunbelt Agricultural Expo

Grady EMC participated in the 2001 Sunbelt Agricultural Expo held October 16-18 in Moultrie, Georgia.



During the three-day event, more than 200,000 residents visited what has become North American's premiere farm show.

Grady EMC is delighted to be a part of the Sunbelt Expo to share our co-op principles and messages of electric safety with consumers in our communities.

Grady EMC hosted a tent and offered the Wheel of Energy game show in which "contestants" answered energy questions to win prizes, safety demonstrations which wowed the crowds with arcs of 10,000 volts of electricity and Oscar the Robot whose crowd-pleasing antics reinforced electrical safety messages.

Grady EMC joined volunteers from EMCs across the state including Carroll, Irwin, Mitchell, Colquitt, Lamar, Little Ocmulgee, and Planters EMCs, and Satilla and Okefenoke REMCs. Volunteers from Grady EMC this year were Hubert Sellers, Jeffrey Rehberg, Cheryl Cone, Kathy Sellers, Wayne Windham, and Donnie Prince.

The mission of the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo is to promote trade and emphasize information, education, and implementation of the latest agricultural technology, research and equipment. ■