

# 2003 Rebate Schedule

Beginning January 1, 2003, Grady EMC will honor the following rebate schedule for our membership. Note: All rebates will be applied as "credits" to the respective member's account.

- 1. Conversion from gas heat to a minimum 12.0 S.E.E.R. rated energy efficient heat pump. **\$200<sup>00</sup>**  
Installation of the new heat pump must be done by a licensed Georgia HVAC contractor. A copy of the customer invoice along with the necessary paperwork must be submitted by the dealer to Grady EMC who will then verify installation for the member.
- 2. Conversion from a gas water heater to an electric water heater - member must present a copy of the invoice for the new electric water heater and an EMC representative will verify installation of the unit. **\$100<sup>00</sup>**
- 3. Conversion from a gas stove/range to an electric stove/range - member must present a copy of the invoice for the new electric stove/range and an EMC representative will verify installation of the unit. **\$100<sup>00</sup>**

## Thank you for Trimming / Cutting my trees Down!

Yea, right! Guess how many times members of your cooperative call in and say the above words. You're right, not many. For those that do, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. For those that don't have the same attitude, we appreciate you as a member of your cooperative just as much!! Grady EMC has never wanted to cut or trim someone's trees just because they were there. The fact of the matter is that, as we all should know, trees and power lines do not mix. It is not the purpose of your cooperative to alienate the members by randomly cutting trees but to provide the membership with the least amount of interruptible power utilizing the right-of-way program. This policy requires up to a 30 feet right-of-way which includes tree removal, tree trimming, and spraying of vegetation. There are possible alternatives, in some cases, such as re-routing of existing overhead lines or going with an underground service. There are costs to the members if they elect to go this route, but they could be possible alternatives.

For the year 2003, the right-of-way program will include the Boydville substation which covers southwest Grady County and the Recovery substation which covers south Decatur County. For those members living in these areas, who might have any concerns, hopefully this will allow you to express them prior to cleaning of the right-of-way on your property.

We would like to emphasize that as new trees, bushes, shrubs, etc. are planted, that consideration be given to the right-of-way policy before planting or landscaping occurs to eliminate this potential problem.

Grady EMC would like to thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation as we continue in our right-of-way program to keep your lights shining as much as possible. ■

## Notes of Interest

### December 2002

Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday (observed)- Office Closed

### January 2003

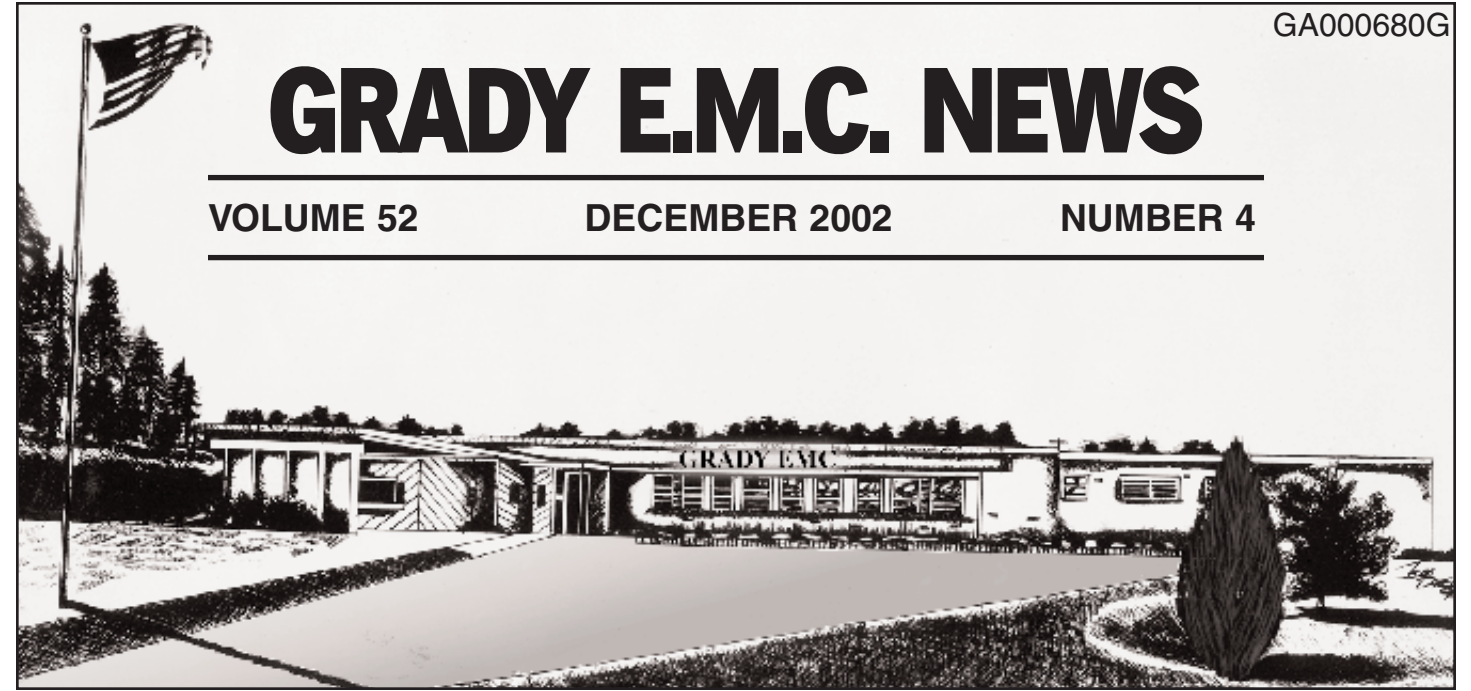
Jan. 1 - New Years Day - Office Closed  
Washington Youth Tour info submitted to schools

### February 2003

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

## GRADY EMC CREW HELPS IN AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE LILI

Some of us might have already forgotten about Hurricane Lili that hit the coast of Louisiana, but those that were affected by it certainly haven't. They also haven't forgotten the help from various EMC crews that went to their aid in time of disaster. Grady EMC personnel responded to their need as personnel from other EMC's have responded to us in time of need. Our neighbor, Colquitt EMC, along with Flint Energies in Reynolds, and Cobb EMC in Marietta also assisted in restoring power to thousands of people left without power as a result of Hurricane Lili. The following personnel from Grady EMC are to be commended and thanked for taking time away from their families and jobs Jeff Gibbs, Darryl Hooks, Jeremiah Brinson, Gary Poppell, Mike Savitz, Lynwood Cone, and Todd Gibbs. If you know these individuals, when you see them out on the job or in your communities, a simple thank you or pat on the back would probably be greatly appreciated. ■



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*Seasons Greetings  
and a very Happy New Year*  
From the Directors, Staff and Employees of  
the Grady Electric Membership Corporation

*Holiday Hours: Our office will be closed for Christmas, Wednesday, December 25,  
and for New Year's Day, January 1, 2003.  
In case of emergency, assistance may be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,  
at (229) 377-4182.*

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## 64th ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Grady Electric Membership Corporation conducted its 64th Annual Meeting of the membership on Friday, October 18th, 2002. The meeting was held at Grady EMC's office complex located on Highway 84 W in Cairo. Being blessed with another beautiful day for the meeting, 538 members came out and registered to vote with the democratic process returning both Mr. Lamar Carlton as Director in District 3 in Thomas County and Mr. Robert E. Lee as Director in District 6 in Grady County for another three year term. Congratulations to them. The total crowd estimated for the event was approximately 900 with members from all of Grady EMC's service area being represented.

One of the highlights of the annual meeting is always the entertainment that is provided. This year was no exception, as the audience thoroughly enjoyed The Providence Quartet. The group is composed of local, talented individuals whose purpose is to glorify God and Him only through their ministry in music. This quartet has been singing southern Gospel music for approximately eighteen years and is composed presently of members Dave Hopkins, Sidney Singletary, Josh Sellers, and Jody Singletary. The Providence Quartet has two very successful recording projects already available and is working on a third. We would like to thank The Providence Quartet for their excellent singing and wish them continued success in their endeavors to uplift and glorify the name of Jesus.

As the business portion of the meeting began, Mr. Donald Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grady EMC called upon Reverend John Forsman, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Climax, Ga. to offer the invocation for this year's meeting. Mr. Cooper then called the business meeting to order. Mr. J. Kevin Chason, attorney for Grady EMC, was called upon to conduct the business portion of the meeting. Mr. Thomas A. Rosser, General Manager of Grady EMC, then addressed the crowd and recognized and introduced some guests in attendance. Mr. Rosser asked the crowd in his opening remarks to observe a moment of silence in honor of three previous retired employees, Mr. Lamar Clark, Ms. Elma Weaver, and Ms. Helen Chappell. He then made some remarks concerning the corporate corruption in the utility industry, specifically ENRON. His remarks indicated that greed, manipulation, and corruption in this one company had brought on more than it's fair share of criticism to the utility industry as a whole. He told the audience that problems of ENRON had happened as a result of a few trying to enrich themselves at the expense of others. Mr. Rosser then discussed the cooperative way of doing business and that cooperatives are owned by the members and not shareholders; therefore, reducing the possibility of corruption and greed. He stated "The sole reason for the existence of Grady EMC is to provide our



Mrs. Sarah Fain, Cairo, GA, 2003 Grand Prize winner.

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member/owners with reliable electricity at a fair price. The profit motive to each employee is to know they are helping their friends and neighbors."

Mr. Rosser then went on to talk about Grady EMC's right-of-way (ROW) program and how this program draws "the most passionate response from our members." He indicated that everyone wants quality power without blinks, but also that without a good right-of-way program, that is hard to do. He discussed tree limbs touching lines, falling trees tearing down power lines creating extended outages. He also brought in the safety factor with children climbing trees too close to power lines and pointed out that no one wants a child to climb a tree and get electrocuted. He then made reference to a movie, "Like Mike", in which a child climbs a tree, touches a power line and then has super powers, thus giving children the wrong impression. Mr. Rosser then told the crowd that "Grady EMC does not relish cutting trees, but it is something we have to do." He asked the membership that when planting trees to "please look up" and not plant trees under the line or

within 15 feet of the line.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Rosser told the audience "that every year the directors and employees put together this annual meeting, as well as striving constantly to provide you the best possible service." He then asked for a round of applause from the audience to thank the Board of Directors and the employees for the job they do. After thanking everyone for their attendance and participation, he closed with "May God Bless America."

In what is always an anticipated and fun portion of the meeting, the awarding of the gifts followed and was conducted by Mr. Wayne Windham. Eighty-three gifts were drawn and given away to the lucky ticket holders this year. A 27" color TV was the grand prize this year and was donated by Mobley's Furniture & Appliances of Cairo. The grand prize winner this year was Ms. Sarah Fain of Cairo. Congratulations to Ms. Fain.

We look forward to seeing you at your 65th annual meeting in 2003. ■

## Grady EMC Supports GHSA / GPTV

Grady EMC, along with other EMC's of Georgia recently joined together to sponsor the Georgia High School Association's (GHSA) 88 state championships scheduled throughout the 2002-2003 school year. Grady EMC believes this is an excellent opportunity to support the youth in our communities and across the state while they learn the satisfaction that comes from competing and giving 100 percent. Community involvement is a cornerstone of the cooperative way and we are pleased to partner with an organization GHSA which shares our dedication to students.

Headquartered in Thomaston, Ga., the GHSA is a voluntary organization composed of 378 public and private high schools with approximately 400,000 students. Its objective is to promote education, encourage participation in athletics and promote sportsmanship and interest in the fine arts.

Supporting student athletes is another way in which electric cooperatives contribute to the communities they serve. While many companies are closing district and local offices, denying customers personal attention, Grady EMC maintains a strong presence in the community, serving and responding to members.

The GHSA sponsorship allows EMC's to support traditional athletics such as football and basketball while also encouraging participation in the fine arts to include debate, one-act plays, riflery, and golf, among others.

Also, in conjunction with other EMC's of Georgia, Grady EMC is partnering with Georgia Public Television (GPTV) to televise a live broadcast of football semi-finals and finals from the Georgia Dome in December and basketball finals in March 2003. In addition, the EMC's and GPTV will sponsor Prep Plus Sports, a 30-minute program of high school sports highlights seen Friday nights and Saturdays during the school year.

Grady EMC is excited about our involvement with the GHSA and the chance to form new relationships with young people, their parents and coaches. It allows us to play a role in fostering a cooperative spirit among stu-



r participating EMC's in Georgia include Coastal EMC in Midway, Cobb EMC in Atlanta, Excelsior EMC in Metter, Flint Energies in Reynolds, GreyStone Power in Marietta, Habersham EMC in Clarkesville, Irwin EMC in Ocilla, Jefferson Energies in Wrens, Lamar EMC in Barnesville, Ocmulgee EMC in Eastman, Oconee EMC in Dudley, Okefenokee REMC in Nahunta, Planters EMC in Mullen, Rayle EMC in Washington, Rappahannock Shoals EMC in Covington, Sumter EMC in Americus, Three Notch EMC in Uniontown, Upson EMC in Thomaston, Walton EMC in Monroe, and Washington EMC in Sandersville. ■

