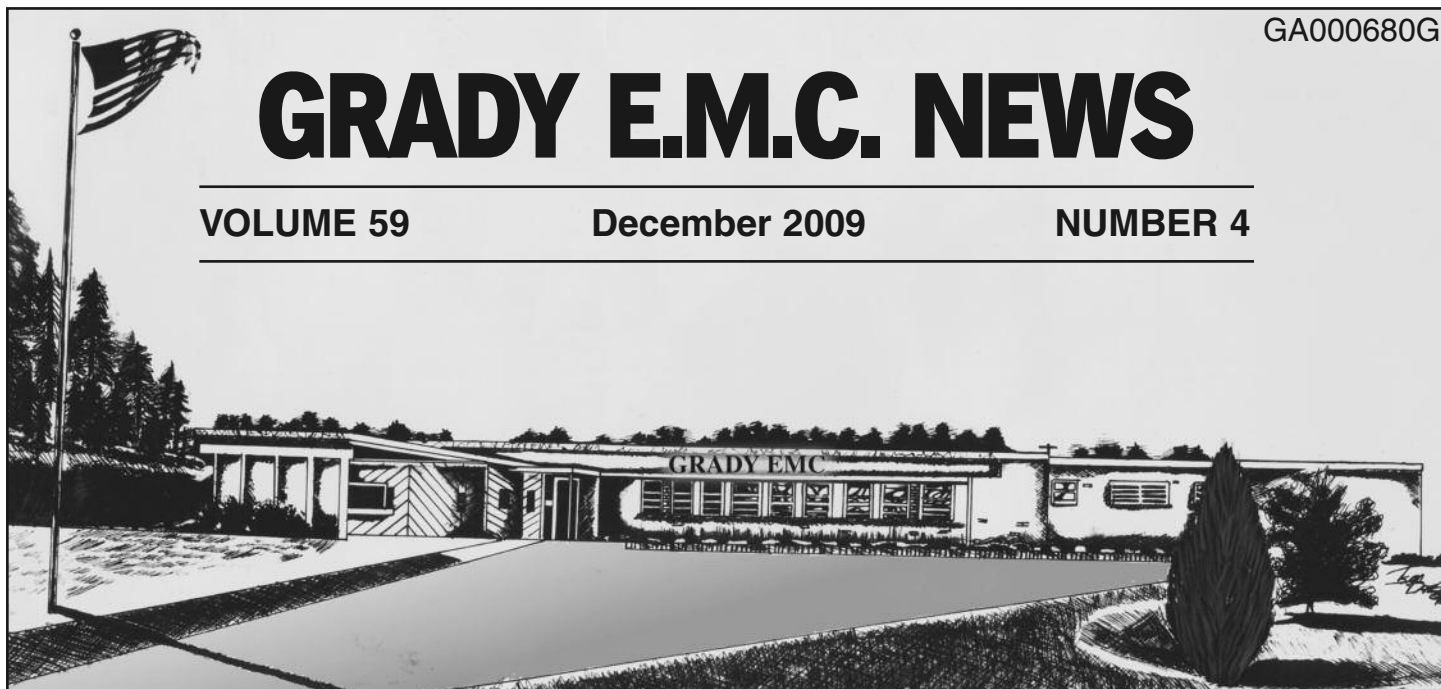


# GRADY E.M.C. NEWS

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## GRADY EMC CONDUCTS 71ST ANNUAL MEETING

A large crowd of approximately nine hundred (900) individuals gathered at the 71st annual meeting on Friday, October 16, 2009. A cloudy, humid, misty morning did not deter the members from attending a favorite, annual event for them. Being able to participate in the business affairs of their cooperative, along with getting some good refreshments, hearing some heart-warming southern gospel music, and the opportunity to win a great prize are various reasons given why they enjoy attending their meeting. It is also obvious that relationships and friendships are renewed each year.

As each of the 570 members registered, they were given a free set of quality, kitchen knives to take home. The elections process for Board of Directors saw District 1 Director Dewey Brock, Jr., District 4 Director James Freeman, and District 7 Director G. Willis Smith retain their directorships.

Congratulations to each of these men and our thanks go out to them for the extremely important services they provide to the cooperative.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grady EMC, Mr. Donald Cooper,



# GRADY EMC



"Your local cooperative with access to the world's power"

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President

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officially called the business portion of the meeting to order. He then asked Reverend Mike Keown, pastor of Coolidge Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. Mr. Cooper then asked the cooperative's attorney, Claire Chason to conduct the business matters of the meeting. After completion of her duties, Attorney Chason introduced Mr. Thomas A. Rosser, President of Grady EMC. Mr. Rosser welcomed everyone and introduced some special guests in attendance. A video presentation, recognizing and honoring Grady EMC personnel and their families for military service to their country, was also introduced by Mr. Rosser. As this presentation occurred, it was clear to see that it was a moving, appreciated experience by those attending. Mr. Rosser then turned over the fun portion of the meeting to Wayne Windham, who conducted the drawing of the over 100 prizes donated generously by various vendors and businesses throughout Grady EMC's service area.

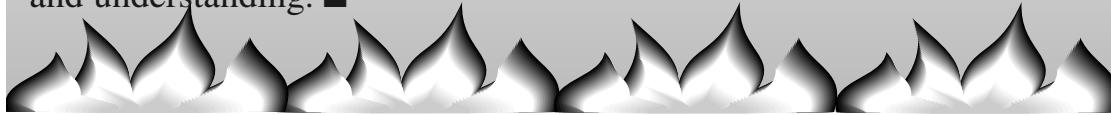


## 2010 Rebate Schedule

Beginning January 1, 2010, 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 15.0 S.E.E.R. rated energy efficient heat pump. 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.
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.

**In just a short time**, farmers, plantations, and individuals will begin to do some control burning. Whether in your yard, field or woods, Grady EMC would like to bring to your attention that we have had to replace several electric distribution poles as a result of permanent damage brought on by fire. We understand how this type of accident can happen and we are asking you to take **EXTRA PRECAUTIONS** this year in order to prevent this from happening. Not only does this create a potential safety problem by weakening the integrity of the pole and possibly causing it to break; but also, creates an unnecessary cost to you for having the pole replaced. Please do your part in helping hold down costs at your cooperative. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, help, and understanding. ■



## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2010

Once a year Grady EMC selects 3 high school juniors as delegates on the Washington Youth Tour. These students join with dozens of other students from Georgia to represent our state in Washington, D.C. - all expenses paid. Once in D.C., the group connects with hundreds of students from across the country for one incredible week in our national capital. The Washington Youth Tour is a fast-paced, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see how America works. This summer's tour will be held June 10-17, 2010.

"It is not just a week of sightseeing. It is even more than a chance to meet other students from across the nation and shake hands with congressmen. I gained a new sense of pride in my country and respect for those who fight to defend the freedoms it offers." These feelings, expressed by a recent delegate, underscores the emphasis of the program - a topnotch tour of our nation's capital that includes meetings with state and national leaders and leadership training, as well as visiting all the major sights. Students also meet and discuss their views with students from other states while learning about history, government and careers in public service.

Before departing for Washington, students enjoy a private tour of the birthplace of rural electrification—the Little White House.

Washington highlights will include cruising down the Potomac River, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery, touring the U.S. Supreme Court, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Mount Vernon, the National Cathedral and Ford's Theater. The group will visit memorials honoring FDR, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, World War II, the Vietnam War and the Korean War, and watch the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Museums to be explored include the Smithsonian Institution and the Holocaust Museum.

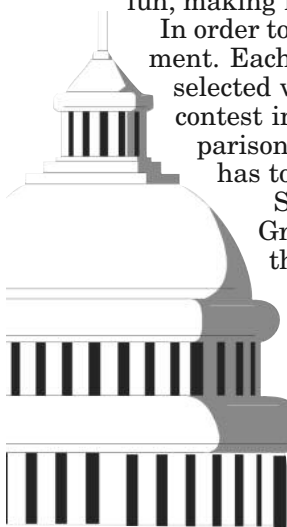
Interested in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience our government and our history up close - while having fun, making new friends, and gaining leadership skills?

In order to apply for this event, information packets can be picked up from each school's guidance department. Each school has a designated WYT coordinator to work with the interested students. Delegates selected will be enrolled in the Junior class and be at least 16 years of age at the time of the tour. The contest involves writing an essay of 500-1000 words with the topic being a comparison of electric cooperatives to private, investor-owned utilities. The essay has to be received at Grady EMC's office no later than March 5, 2010.

Students of Grady EMC employees are ineligible to enter the Grady EMC contest; however, these students are eligible to enter the WYT contest sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, the statewide organization.

Grady EMC will sponsor a total of three delegates, one from each of our prime service areas of Decatur, Grady, and Thomas counties.

The purpose of this tour is to recognize, promote and enhance leadership skills in students that have a desire to contribute to their communities and country. All aspects of rural electrification are promoted to enhance a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives. **GOOD LUCK** to all participants. ■



RURAL  
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# 2010

## Right-of-Way Program

As the year 2009 comes to an end, Grady EMC would like to thank those members for their understanding and cooperation in their involvement with the right-of-way program that was conducted in 2009. Members served by the Hall Road & Merryville substations were the ones who had their rights-of-way cleared and cleaned in 2009.

In 2010, those members served by the Climax substation and the Boydville substation will have their right-of-ways maintained.

As you probably already know, the right-of-way policy requires up to a thirty (30) feet right-of-way. Various methods are used in this program such as tree removal, tree trimming, and spraying of vegetation in order to maintain this right-of-way to help reduce the number and duration of power outages brought on by falling trees, limbs, etc. Please note that bushes, shrubs, trees, etc., that are not maintained mechanically by the member from the ground, will be maintained by the right of way program.

This notification is done as a reminder so that anyone having a concern or doubt can contact your cooperative prior to the work being started on your property. It is difficult to say exactly when this will be done on a specific piece of property due to the miles of distribution lines involved, varying work schedules, and

weather conditions affecting work plans, etc. If you are not sure which substation provides energy to your home, and you would like to know, please call the office and we will verify that information for you.

Grady EMC realizes the sensitive nature of this program for our members, but we are tasked with the responsibility of keeping your lights on with the least amount of interruptions. As we all know, trees, limbs and electricity just don't mix; therefore, the right-of-way program is in place to help keep our lights on as much as possible.

In order to keep potential problems down in the future, we would like to remind and ask everyone that consideration be given to not planting trees, bushes, shrubs, etc. within thirty (30) feet of an overhead power line.

We hope that providing this information, in conjunction with your understanding and cooperation, will help reduce and eliminate future problems. ■



## Grady EMC Accepting

### WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Grady EMC is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Georgia EMC Walter Harrison Scholarships.

The scholarships are open to anyone who has not yet completed a bachelor's degree and is attending or planning to attend a two or four-year accredited university, college or technical school in Georgia within the next two years. There will be a total of nine \$1,000 scholarships awarded to individuals living within the service areas of the 36 participating EMCs, including Grady EMC.

Scholarships will be based on financial need and academic ability. The scholarships honor the late Walter Harrison, who was known in Georgia and across the nation as "Mr. Rural Electrification" for his pioneering efforts in the electric cooperative industry. Approximately \$125,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the program began in 1985.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship should contact their guidance department counselors at their respective schools to receive an application packet. In addition to the application form, applicants will need to submit an autobiography, school transcripts, grade point average, SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, letters of recommendation and proof of enrollment or an acceptance letter.

The applications must be submitted to Grady EMC no later than Friday, February 5th, 2010. Winners will be announced by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on or before April 1, 2010. ■

