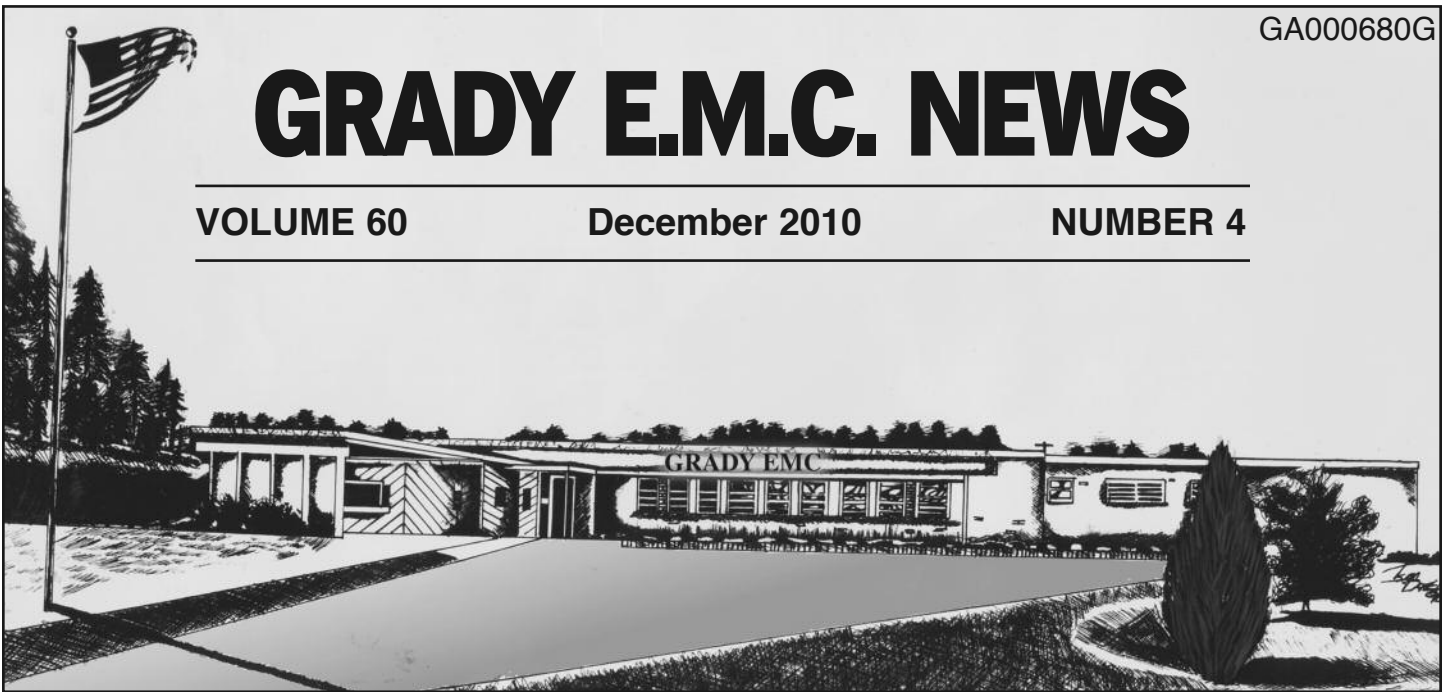


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Grady EMC Conducts 72nd Annual Meeting

The 72nd Annual Grady EMC Membership Meeting was held on Friday, October 15, 2010. Total attendance at this year's meeting was estimated at 1,000 with 573 members registering. Beautiful weather, great Southern gospel music provided by The Willing Servants from Colquitt, Ga., refreshments, free gifts, and great door prizes were all part of this year's meeting.

The business portion of the meeting saw District 2 Director Donald C. Cooper and District 5 Director L. O. Maxwell III, retain their directorships without opposition. We congratulate these directors and thank them for the vital services they provide to the cooperative.

Mr. Donald Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Directors, officially called the business meeting to order. Mr. Cooper then presented Pastor Jim Weaver of Pine Level Baptist Church in Cairo to offer the invocation. Grady EMC's attorney, Ms. Claire Chason, was then called upon by the Chairman to conduct the business affairs of the cooperative. Upon completion of her duties, she introduced Mr. Thomas A. Rosser, President of Grady



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EMC. Mr. Rosser welcomed and thanked everyone for attending their annual meeting. He introduced some special guests attending the meeting as well. Mr. Rosser commented on the dedication of all the employees of the cooperative with special recognition given to linemen for the jobs they perform, under both good and bad weather conditions, in restoring power as quickly and safely as possible to the membership. Mr. Rosser then recognized individually the Board of Directors. He thanked the directors for the work they perform for the coop and then closed by saying, "May God Bless America".

Mr. Rosser then called upon Wayne Windham to conduct the drawing and awarding of over 100 excellent door prizes that were donated by various vendors and businesses. Grady EMC would like to thank all of those that donated items for this event. It is always a fun event. ■

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WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2011



JUNE 9-16, 2011 will be an opportunistic date for three aspiring high school juniors. This event, sponsored by Grady EMC and the EMC's of Georgia, is a motivational, dynamic leadership experience. It is a week-long, all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. Previous student delegates have said that the Washington Youth Tour is by no means a typical tour of our nations Capitol. It is a fast-paced, high energy, educational and fun event. The three delegates that are fortunate enough to be selected by Grady EMC for the 2011 WYT, will be among a group of approximately one hundred students who will travel as a Georgia delegation. During this week, there will be close to 1,500 students from across the United States that converge upon Washington sent by their respective electric cooperatives.

Before departing for Washington, delegates will be honored with a kick-off banquet in Atlanta and enjoy a private tour of the birthplace of rural electrification – the Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga.

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. Visiting the halls of Congress, having an opportunity to discuss issues with your elected representatives, to meet state and national leaders, and to improve your leadership skills are all intermingled during this high-powered week.

In order to apply for the WYT, please contact your school's guidance department. Each school has a designated WYT coordinator to work with the interested students. The delegates selected will be enrolled in the junior class and be at least 16 years of age at the time of the tour. A question/interview process

and a written resume will be utilized in determining the winners. The deadline for submitting the resumes is March 4, 2011 and may be turned into your school's WYT coordinator.

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. Students do not have to live in the home of a Grady EMC member to be eligible.

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

Shown in the photo left to right are: Travis Duren, Bonnie Gaupp, Lucie Reynolds, and Renee Rubio Duren. Travis Duren, a Grady EMC employee and his wife Renee, were selected to serve as chaperones for the 2010 WYT. Bonnie Gaupp served as Thomas County's delegate from the Scholar's Academy at Thomasville High School and Lucie Reynolds served as the Decatur County delegate from Bainbridge High School for the 2010 WYT. The other photo is of the Georgia

delegation being photographed with Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson on Capitol Hill.

The purpose of the WYT 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. **BEST WISHES** to all participants. ■



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. ■



2011 Right-of-Way Program

As the year 2010 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 2010.

In 2011, 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 2011 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 seven \$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 \$135,000 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 7th, 2011. Winners will be announced by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on or before April 1, 2011. ■