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## Grady Electric Membership Corporation

will celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. In honor of the Fourth of July, Grady EMC's office will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014. As usual, in case of emergencies, you may contact the office at 229-377-4182 for assistance. We wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July.

**T.A. (Bo) ROSSER, Jr.**  
President

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## 2014 RESIDENTIAL SURVEY CAN HELP DETERMINE FUTURE RATES

As the demand for electricity increases and the cost of supplying it rises, it becomes more important

every day to find more ways to help stabilize rates while meeting growing needs. Power suppliers are continuously working on finding solutions, but besides being energy conscious today, what can you do to make a difference in the future.

In the next few weeks you may be receiving a survey from Grady Electric Membership Corporation. By answering the questions on this survey, you are providing important information that can help your power company reduce future costs, which will in turn, help stabilize future rate growth. The results of this survey will help plan for reliable and efficient future power supply, provide useful data for designing programs which promote efficient use of electricity, and give Grady Electric Membership Corporation the information they need to effectively plan for the future.

The 2014 Residential Survey is only being mailed to a small number of members in each service area. So if you receive one, it is very important that you answer the questions as accurately as possible.

With approximately forty questions, the survey seeks to determine the kind of appliances, heating and cooling systems and types of homes EMC members have. It is divided into five sections: "Your Home", "Major Appliances", "Heating and Cooling", "Your Household", and "Technology". Each question is designed to gather vital information needed to determine future electricity needs and plan for economical growth.

The survey is quick and easy to fill out, and all answers will be kept anonymous. "Our goal is to determine how much electricity our members will need in the future", says Mr. Thomas A. (Bo) Rosser, President and General Manager of Grady Electric Membership Corporation. "By knowing the number of appliances, the size of the house, the method of heating and cooling, technology requirements, and combining them with other related factors, we can accurately predict load growth. That lets us plan programs that will save energy dollars for our members and help keep rates stable", Mr. Rosser adds.

According to Mr. Rosser, a team effort between Grady Electric Membership Corporation and our members will provide the best results. "By working together, we can meet our future electricity needs at the lowest possible cost", he says.

If you receive a questionnaire and need help completing it or have any questions, please call Grady Electric Membership Corporation at 229/377-4182. Your response is vital to determining the future electricity needs of Georgia, and your participation is greatly appreciated. ■



### Reminder – ESTATE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS – Reminder

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 of the cooperative.



## 2014 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

What some past delegates have described as life-changing, unbelievable, and awesome awaits three new students the week of June 12-19. These rising seniors, Asia Dukes, Ty Jones, and Tessa McCorkle will be experiencing this trip of a lifetime offered by Grady EMC and the EMC's of Georgia. Part of the excitement for them will be the opportunity not only to represent themselves; but also, to represent their respective schools, parents, and communities. There is no doubt they have the ability to do this very well.

Asia Dukes, a Cairo High School junior, is an energetic and inquisitive young lady. She is active and involved in the youth department in her church. Asia is involved with various clubs and activities at Cairo High. She is a member of the Cairo High marching and concert bands. During her spare time, Asia likes to write stories. Her future plans include receiving a Master's degree in Psychology and after completing her internship, opening up her own practice. Asia's parents are Robert and Selena Dukes.

Ty Jones, a junior at Bainbridge High School, is a very talented student. Ty has worked as an intern with the District Attorney's office in Bainbridge. He is a member of several high school clubs and organizations. He is also actively involved with his youth group at church. Outside of the classroom and between his work at his part-time job, he enjoys traveling and watching movies. His future plans include receiving a college degree in political science and then obtaining a degree in Foreign Relations from the London School of Economics where he plans to work in government. Ty's parents are Bo and Ginger Jones.

Tessa McCorkle, a Thomas County Central High School junior, is a dedicated, goal-oriented individual. Tessa is presently serving as Chapter President at TCCHS of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She likes competing in FBLA events and enjoys tutoring and helping others. She is an alumnus/mentor of the Thomasville-Thomas County Youth Leadership program as well as the Governors Honors Program. Plans for Tessa's future include earning a doctorate in Business Administration focusing on management to allow her to become a Fortune 500 company president. Tessa's parents are Dale and Tonya McCorkle.

They will be among 106 high school students during this event with stops in Georgia and Washington, D.C. The Washington Youth Tour is Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens. It is the premier event designed to reward deserving students for their hard work and their willingness to get involved in various leadership roles in their schools and communities. It helps bring to life what they have been studying about in the classroom. The WYT provides a "hands-on" experience as to the role of government, and the importance of community and public service. It provides an opportunity for exceptional students to meet face-to-face with members of Georgia's congressional delegation and visit historical points of interest in Georgia and the Nation's Capital.

The tour is fast-paced, dynamic, fun, and educational. It is a week-long, all-expenses paid trip that will provide them with a lifetime of friendships and memories. The tour commences in Atlanta with a dinner banquet held in their honor for being chosen as the EMC's delegate. The first day, the group will tour President Franklin Roosevelt's Little White House in Warm Springs, participate in leadership and educational sessions, and fly to Washington that afternoon. The balance of the week will be touring Washington. Visiting the War Memorials, Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Ford's Theatre, Washington Monument, and Washington National Cathedral are a few of the stops along the way. This delegation will also see a performance of The Lion King at the Kennedy Center. Visiting Capitol Hill and meeting with their congressional delegation are always a highlight of the tour. Cruising down the Potomac River on an evening cruise, dining at Union Station, and meeting with approximately 1,500 other students from across the nation, etc. are just a few of the fun highlights that will be encountered.

Grady EMC considers it an honor to sponsor these three students on the WYT. With this happening during their formative years, it is our hope that this event will open their eyes to the realities, possibilities, and opportunities that they might not have otherwise seen or considered.

CONGRATULATIONS to Asia, Ty, and Tessa. ■



**Asia Dukes**



**Ty Jones**



**Tessa McCorkle**

## GEORGIA LAWMAKERS CELEBRATE ELECTRIC LINEMEN

Recently, Georgia's elected officials recognized the work and dedication of electric utility linemen from the EMC's (electric membership corporations) across the state. The EMC's and other utilities were recognized at the April 18th Lineman Appreciation Day at the state Capitol.

This is the second Lineman Appreciation Day in Georgia and follows a recently-passed resolution by the state legislature (<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/display/20132014/SR/1026>). April 18 is also designated as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

"These employees are getting the recognition they deserve," said Donnie Prince with Grady EMC. "Being a lineman is not an easy job, but it's a rewarding job. You'll never find a more dedicated group of workers who routinely put their lives on the line to help others who find themselves without power and other essential services."

Throughout the country, electric co-ops have asked members and employees to send special messages to line workers via Twitter using hash tag #ThankALineman.

The work of Georgia linemen is visible year round, but is especially noticed during summer thunderstorms, tornadoes and winter ice storms like the February storm which impacted electric service to hundreds of thousands of Georgians. Emergency restoration activities are just one example of the hard work and dedication line workers perform daily to maintain the energy infrastructure of the state.

As the population becomes increasingly dependent on electricity for essential services and to operate lights, electronics, appliances and other equipment, the roles and responsibilities of linemen grow each day. In fact, labor statistics indicate the demand for linemen is expected to grow by nine percent through 2022.

According to Prince, the profession of lineman is steeped in personal, family and professional tradition. Line crews are



often first responders during storms and other events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety workers.

Linemen often work in treacherous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure, working with thousands of volts of electricity high atop poles and power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In addition, due to the nature of their jobs and travels across co-op service territories, linemen often come upon people in distress which requires quick action and life saving measures. They are often recognized within their communities for coming to the aid of residents in medical and other emergencies and for rescuing hurt and injured animals.

Prince says it's fitting that Lineman Appreciation Day comes on the heels of the work these linemen accomplished during major weather events including Winter Storm Pax most recently and devastating tornadoes which hit Georgia and the southeast in recent months. Pictured here are Grady EMC's linemen Richard White, Keith Phillips, Kent Alligood, Eric Tyus, Geoffrey Lawrence, Scott Taliaferro. Not pictured is Todd Gibbs who was part of this voluntary team who responded to calls for help during the recent winter ice storms in Central and North Georgia leaving thousands without electricity.

In recent years, EMC crews have worked alongside co-ops in South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida when the call came for help. They also routinely come to the assistance of their fellow co-ops in Georgia who experience widespread outages as a result of severe weather.

Georgia EMC is the statewide trade association representing the state's 41 EMC's, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp. and Georgia System Operations Corp. Collectively, Georgia's member-owned EMC's provide electricity and related services to more than four million people, half of Georgia's population, across 73 percent of the state's land area. ■



## Congratulations to the Graduates of *the Class of 2014*

We know this is a day that you have looked forward to for a long time. Your hard work and efforts have finally been rewarded. The friends and classmates that have preceded you in graduation are now moving on with their lives, whether furthering their education, or entering the workplace. You, the Seniors of '14,

will now start doing the same and contributing to your communities and society. You have been equipped to handle the challenges, overcome the objectives, and become a productive individual. Your families, friends, relatives, and educators have watched you grow and mature and are extremely happy for you and for your accomplishments. Grady EMC also takes pleasure in wishing you much happiness and success in whatever you try to accomplish.

# *Congratulations!!!*