



Piedmont Electric CONNECTION

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



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Annual Meeting Set for April 20

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Members is being planned for Friday, April 20, at Orange High School in Hillsborough.

Three seats on the Board of Directors will be up for election at the meeting. The following are the incumbents on the Board whose terms expire next year, as well as their respective Directorate Districts:

- Doug Simmons, District 3
- Bill Barber, District 7
- Richard Roberts, District 8

Piedmont Electric is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership from among its members. The Bylaws of the Cooperative provide for the nomination of directors by several methods.

All persons nominated for election to the Cooperative's Board of Directors must meet the qualifications guidelines as set by the bylaws, Section 4.02. A copy of the bylaws is available on request.

An excerpt from the Bylaws pertaining to nominations may be found on page 23 of this newsletter.

Piedmont Electric & Elec-Tel CCU will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25. Please have a safe, happy holiday!



It was the trip of a lifetime for one Piedmont Electric member when he and other World War II veterans boarded the "Triangle Flight of Honor" from Raleigh-Durham Airport to go to the nation's capital in September.

David Torian, 84, of Person County was selected by the Cooperative to participate in the latest "Flight of Honor" which gave veterans an opportunity to visit the WWII memorial and other monuments in Washington, DC.

One of the highlights of Mr. Torian's day-long trip was a visit to the U.S. Naval Museum where he saw a replica of a WWII Navy ship and saw pictures of the ship he served on, the USS Hancock.

The USS Hancock arrived in Pearl Harbor a week after the bombing that drew the U.S. into the Pacific theater, before heading to Japan.

When the war was officially over, the USS Hancock traveled to Tokyo Bay before heading back to the United States by way of Guam and New Guinea before making

Co-op Sponsors WWII Veteran on 'Flight of Honor'

the final call in California.

His service in the Navy spanned from January 3, 1945 to March 22, 1946.

After the war, Mr. Torian returned to his Person County farm, and continued to raise grain, tobacco and livestock. He just recently retired from farming.

The Triangle Flight of Honor has held several day-long trips to allow veterans to see the memorial in their honor.

The most recent group of 100 World War II veterans and their guardians returned to Raleigh-Durham Airport to be greeted by hundreds of family, friends and citizens who embraced them with smiles, tears and handshakes.



(Photos courtesy of Lauren Moncure)



From Your President...

Here to Help: Getting Ready for Winter

R. G. Brecheisen

President & Chief Executive Officer

There's already a chill in the air, and before we know it, the winter winds will be blowing.

As the temperatures drop, we can expect heating costs to climb. Throw in the upcoming holiday season with all the company and cooking, and we can also expect our electricity use to rise.

Piedmont Electric is very conscious of the need our members have to keep these electricity costs as low as possible. To help, the Cooperative offers an array of services to make sure you get the most from your energy dollars.

Experienced Energy Specialists can provide free home energy

audits to help detect where you can make your home more energy efficient. This also includes free HVAC technical advice for those who may be interested in installing a new heating and/or cooling system.

The Cooperative also offers low-interest loans to qualified members who want to make energy efficient improvements on their homes.

In addition, Piedmont Electric has rebate programs for members who buy solar water heaters, energy efficient electric heat pumps and/or compact fluorescent lights, as well as businesses that install commercial lighting upgrades.

To take advantage of all types of resources, the Cooperative promotes several Internet websites to help members make the most of their energy dollars.

This includes the NRECA-sponsored website, www.TogetherWeSave.com, which provides additional energy-saving tips for homeowners. The site allows members to put in their homes' specific information to help determine how much energy they could

save by making certain changes.

Another more personalized website is www.MyUsage.com. Members can check their energy use up to the most recent 24-hour period to monitor how their activities have impacted their use, including emails to alert you of high use days.

This site works in tandem with Piedmont Electric's FlexPay program which allows members to buy electricity as they go—rather than waiting until the end of their billing cycle and being surprised at the amount of electricity they have used.

The Cooperative has a variety of energy rate schedules which may help members. These include Time-of-Day rates, Energy Star rates and Renewable Energy rates.

And, don't forget, we also have energy-saving electric water heater kits available!

To take advantage of any of these programs—and get ready for winter—just contact your local Piedmont Electric office.

If Your Power Goes Out, Call Us...

When your power goes out, call Piedmont Electric's outage reporting number—800.449.2667—to report the outage.

The Cooperative uses your phone number to determine your service location when you use the automated outage reporting system to report a service outage.

If, like some folks—you no longer have a land line and use a cellular phone, please make sure to let the Cooperative know.

Unless we have your correct phone number(s), we may not be able to pinpoint your outage location as quickly.

Please complete and return the form on your monthly billing statement if your telephone number has changed.



By the Numbers...

- 1,996 members have signed up for the use monitoring portion of www.MyUsage.com
- 636 members are participating in the FlexPay Program
- 429 members have turned in receipts for 4,246 CFLs, representing a total of 1,456,378 kWhs saved toward our Senate Bill 3 Mandate
- 28 solar water heater rebates given to members
- 795 electric water heater wraps sold
- 573 residential members on Time-of-Day Rates
- 647 visits to TogetherWeSave.com for a total calculated savings with the home savings calculator tool of \$254,354.51

Learning About Energy



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

Teachers may check out the program by going to the Cooperative's website at www.pemc.coop/Youth-Zone/CFLCharlie.aspx.

CFL Charlie™ Ready to Help Teachers

CFL Charlie™, the compact fluorescent light mascot, is ready to help educators in the Cooperative's service area with ideas for teaching their students more about energy.

Piedmont Electric has free kits available on request for area teachers.

Each kit includes lesson plans, activity sheets, a poster, participation certificates and other resources. Kits are broken into age appropriate groups for grades K-5.

There is a "take home" checklist for the children to walk through their homes with a parent identifying ways they can become more

energy efficient. After completing the checklist, each child receives a "Super Energy Saver" certificate signed by CFL Charlie™.

There are fun activities to teach children about energy, energy efficiency, and electrical safety, as well as posters featuring energy saving and electrical safety tips.

The poster can be placed in the classroom to help remind children about electrical safety and energy efficiency.

Contact Piedmont Electric to request the free CFL Charlie education kit, or request it by emailing rachel.hawkins@pemc.coop.

BYLAWS OUTLINE RULES FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

The following is an excerpt from the Bylaws pertaining to nominations.

SECTION 4.06. Nominations.

(a) Nominations Committee: It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint a Nominations Committee consisting of ten (10) persons who are members but are not directors or close relatives of directors, and who are so selected that each of the Cooperative's Directorate Districts shall have one representative thereon.

The Committee shall meet and nominate candidates for each of the Cooperative's Directorate Districts to be elected at the next annual meeting and the at large director if that directorate is to be elected at the next annual meeting.

The Committee shall nominate not less than two (2) nominees for each such District and shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same Directorate District. In addition, the Committee shall nominate, each three (3) years, not less than two candidates for the "at large" position.

The Committee shall meet and complete its nominations no later than thirty days preceding the deadline for nomination by petition as is set forth in the following subsection

to provide the opportunity for any qualified member who desires to be placed on the ballot at the upcoming annual meeting but not nominated by the Committee, to seek nomination by petition as set forth in the following subsection.

(b) Nominations by Petition: Any fifty (50) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, on or before February 14 preceding the annual meeting at which such directors are to be elected.

(c) Mailing of Notice of Elections: The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, or through any publication routinely used by the Cooperative for communication with the membership on a monthly basis at least seven (7) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected from each of the Directorate Districts, and the names and addresses of all nominees for each such district, showing separately those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any.

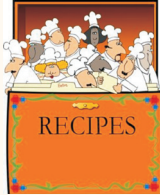
(d) Posting of Nominations: Once the signatures of the members on any petition and the qualifications to serve of the nominees are verified, the names of all nominees for each directorate district and the names of each nominee for the at large directorate, if it is to be elected at the upcoming annual meeting, shall be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative.

The Posted Notice of all nominees shall show the directorate for which each nominee seeks election as director and may indicate those nominated by the nominations committee and those nominated by petition.

(e) Announcement at the annual meeting: The candidates and their respective districts shall be announced at the annual meeting prior to the election of directors. There shall be no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with Section 4.03.

(f) Validity of Elections: Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board after the election of directors.

Please Pass On Your Recipes



This month's recipe for "Paper Bag Apple Pie" comes from Karen Poole of Bullock.

If you have a favorite recipe you want to share with other Piedmont Electric members, please send it to: Pass It On, c/o Piedmont Connection, P.O. Drawer 1179, Hillsborough, NC 27278, or you may include it with your monthly payment.

If your recipe is printed in the newsletter, you will receive a copy of a cookbook from the Cooperative Council of N. C. Please remember to check all ingredients and cooking directions.

Paper Bag Apple Pie

- 1 9-inch unbaked pie crust
- 6-cups tart apples, peeled, cored & sliced
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Prepare pie crust according to recipe or package directions.

In a large bowl, toss apples with sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, lemon juice and seasonings until well coated. Spoon into pie shell.

In a small bowl, combine 1/2 cup flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over apples.

Place pie in a large brown heavy duty paper bag. Fold open end over twice. Seal with large paper clips or two wooden clothes pins.

Preheat oven to 400°. Bake 45-50 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

Green Energy Bags Make Good Holiday Gifts for Friends, Family



A special "Green Energy Bag" that includes four CFLs (18-watt) and an electric water heater kit is available for the low cost of only \$19.95, plus tax.

And, that's a bargain with the retail value of \$55!

These items can save you as much as \$120 a year in electricity costs for the next 10 years.

Each CFL can save as much as \$47 each over their 10,000 hours of use, and the electric water heater kit can save as much as \$100 per year in reduced hot water heating costs.

They make great gifts for family

members or others who could use a little help with managing their electric costs. And, it's a gift that keeps on giving year after year.

Also available is a Green Energy Bag with 20 CFLs (18-watt) for \$19.95, plus tax.

Pick up one or more of these great Green Energy Bags at any Piedmont Electric office in Hillsborough, Roxboro or Caswell County.

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IS AN ELECTRIC CAR IN YOUR FUTURE?

Please contact the Cooperative if you plan to buy an electric vehicle that will be charged at your home or business served by Piedmont Electric. We need to ensure the distribution transformer and conductors are adequately sized to serve this added load and that no safety issues exist.



November Right-of-Way Maintenance

Orange County:

Mt. Willing Road
Chestnut Ridge Church Road
Borland Road
West Ten Road
(and surrounding areas)

Locations are subject to change due to uncontrollable circumstances.

Remember: Turn in your CFL receipts to get up to a \$15 credit/year on your electric bill.