



# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

# WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE?

Your cooperative was formed in 1938 for the purpose of furnishing power to rural communities in our wonderful part of Ohio — areas that were not attractive to investor-owned utilities because they were not profitable to serve. Only a few of our current members know what it was like “the day the lights came on.” The rural folks who wanted and needed electricity took matters into their own hands, and with the help of low-interest loans through the Rural Electrification Administration, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative was formed. Your co-op now serves over 12,000 members through nearly 17,000 meters with 2,800 miles of lines and poles stretching across nine counties in southeastern Ohio.

Most of us probably don't truly understand what it means to be a member of a cooperative. With busy schedules and too little time, it is impossible to become an expert at everything. Your co-op is owned by the members it serves, and these members elect a board of directors that provides direction and oversight for the organization through policies, budgets, and much more. The board hires a general manager who oversees the operations of the co-op by hiring capable employees and working with them to ensure the co-op is able to provide the electric service our members need and deserve. Our roots run deep, and we are very committed to the communities we serve. This can be seen through our scholarship programs, educational efforts, and overall community outreach.

Your cooperative does not strive to maximize profits for shareholders; we don't have shareholders. Our focus is to provide safe, reliable electric service at a reasonable cost. This does require that we operate “in the black” with revenues that exceed expenses, or margins. These “margins” are used to help fund capital improvements so we can minimize interest expenses on borrowed money.

Over time, this patronage capital is returned to the members who paid their bills. This is accomplished through yearly general retirements and retirements to the estates of deceased members. Your co-op has paid back nearly \$16 million in patronage capital!

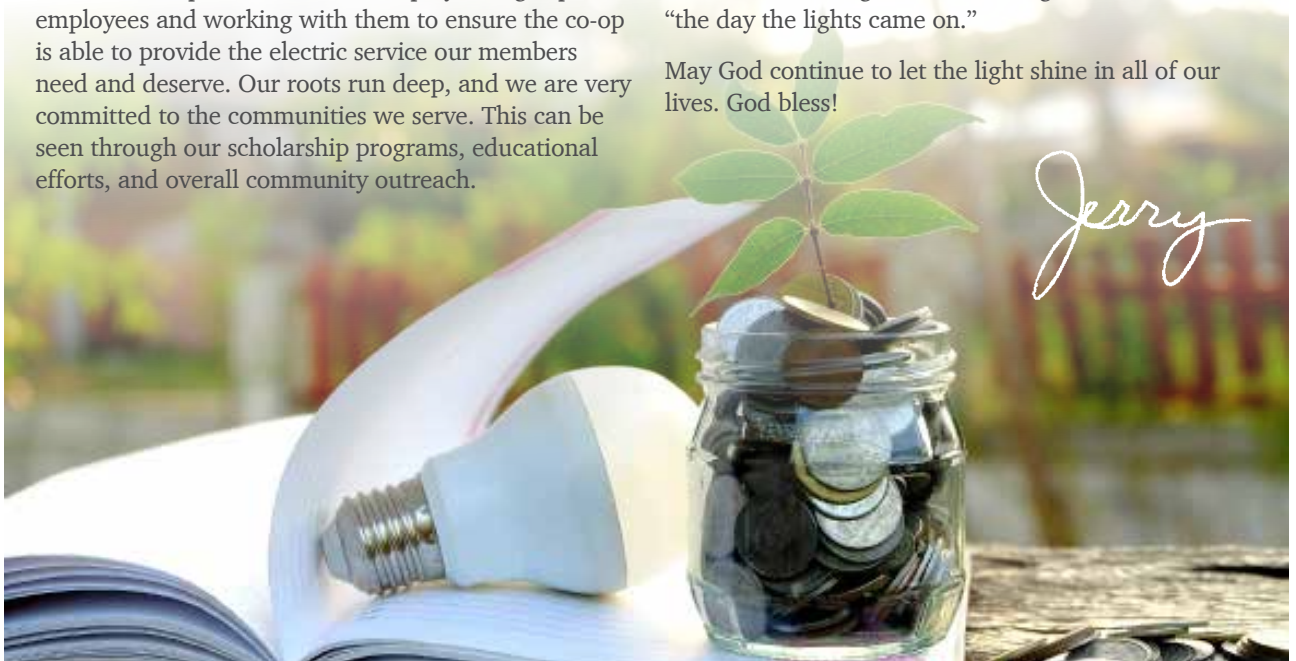
The employees and directors at your co-op do their best to treat all members fairly and professionally, but we realize that we do not always see eye to eye on every issue. My hope is that each of us understands that our common goal is the same goal since 1938 — “the day the lights came on.”

May God continue to let the light shine in all of our lives. God bless!



**Jerry Kackley**  
General Manager/CEO

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ANNUAL MEETING



## 81st Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 2018

*Larry W. Miller Intermediate School, New Concord*

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Business meeting will be called to order promptly at noon.

Food • Entertainment • Displays  
Something for everyone!

Be sure to check the local pages in the April issue  
of *Ohio Cooperative Living* for all the details.

Your Official Notice will be included with your bill in March.





## EVENTS

# GMEC's Home Show teaches you how to save money and energy

The Swing Into Spring Home Show will be held Friday, March 9, through Sunday, March 11, at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center in Cambridge. Make sure to stop by the Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative booth. We hope to see you there!



## OPERATIONS UPDATE

# What causes power outages?

Most of the time, we have lights, cold refrigerators, hot water, and we can watch our favorite TV show. However, this is *most* of the time. We all unfortunately experience power outages at some point. So what causes them?

Number of Outages



Hundreds of outages occur each year, and each one is a little different. We thank the cooperative members who help us help you!

# 2017 POWER OUTAGES





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## We want to HEAR FROM YOU!

Your thoughts and opinions about Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative help us to serve you better.

In March, April, May, and June, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative will be working with NRECA Market Research Services to complete a member satisfaction survey. The surveys will be both by phone and e-mail, but not everyone will be contacted. If you are contacted, we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to share your opinions of the cooperative.

We strive to provide all members with safe, affordable, reliable, and clean electric service. By participating in the survey, you will help us make decisions that benefit you, your family, and your neighbors.

Thank you.

*All information is confidential.*

### Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change-out to compact fluorescent lightbulbs (limit 6 bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living*.

#24-0237-86-05.....Mitch Bowman

#11-0353-17-04.....Jeff Shook

#13-0286-55-00.....Leroy R. Lauvray

#51-0897-80-03.....Andrew J. Barkley

#55-0062-12-02.....  
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#68-0510-02-01.....  
Glenn R. Goddard



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##### OFFICE

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##### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

##### ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$22/mo.

First 500 kWh/month — 12.169¢/kWh

Over 500 kWh/month — 10.845¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service rate schedule S-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr.

First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.769¢/kWh

800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.645¢/kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 10.845¢/kWh

(Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr. for service between March 1, 2017, and Feb. 28, 2018)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1\*

Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.

First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 12.569¢/kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 10.845¢/kWh

\*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh

Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh

Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

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