



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

# PARENTHOOD

As you read this, Mother's Day has already been checked off the calendar and Father's Day is approaching quickly. These are days that we set aside to honor our parents...the angels we call Mom and Dad. I was fortunate, as were my four brothers and two sisters. We had parents who loved us, taught us and sacrificed every day for us. We had parents who helped us grow as human beings and instilled in us the value of compassion and family. We were not at church every Sunday, but we were raised with God in our lives.

Too often today, as we read the news in the paper, scan it on our phones, or watch it on television, we see many children in our world who are not so lucky. Hardly a day goes by when there is not a story involving drug use or abuse. Schools are dealing with a growing number of young people who face each day without the support and love that is essential for them to develop into caring members of society. Grandparents often step back into the role of parents to help to fill the void. Brothers and sisters become providers and caregivers, giving up their dreams.

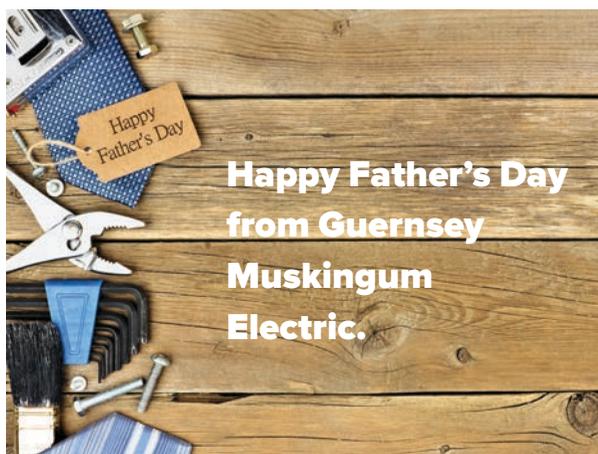
Nobody ever said parenthood would be easy. Being a mom or dad involves a level of sacrifice and patience

that no person could perceive or expect. It encompasses sleepless nights, constant worry, endless questions, and financial strains. Who in their right mind would want that? But, from the moment you hold that tiny baby in your arms, you begin to understand that parenthood isn't about the sacrifice, parenthood is about the LOVE. In that instance, we find an endless potential to give and receive unconditional LOVE. It is up to each of us to embrace that opportunity and accept the responsibility. Our children deserve nothing less. So, to all the moms and dads out there, all the caregivers, or anyone who fulfills that role – Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day. Your children appreciate the sacrifices...they just don't know it yet.



**Jerry Kackley**  
General Manager/CEO

*Have a wonderful day!  
God Bless! Jerry*



### Is your name and location/account number here?

If it is, call your Cooperative's office and receive a FREE home change out to LED bulbs. (Limit 6 bulbs)

Thanks for reading the "local pages" of Ohio Cooperative Living magazine.

- #45-0176-02-06 Stephnie L Matz
- #18-0137-04-02 Gene Wyrick
- #23-0059-09-10 Robert W Leaver
- #58-0033-42-04 Myron L Armstrong
- #51-0976-02-02 Justin L Crosson
- #11-0096-13-15 Don Miller



# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING



## ANNUAL MEETING

# GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM HOLDS 80TH ANNUAL MEETING

*A crowd estimated at 900 turned out for food, fellowship, prizes, and entertainment, as well as to hear reports on the financial condition and progress of their non-profit electric cooperative.*

Members enjoyed hot dogs grilled by GMEC linemen, music by The Wayfarers, a live high-voltage safety demonstration, games, and vendor displays, before hearing reports on the state of their cooperative and voting for directors.

Members re-elected directors Duane Parks to District 2, Shirley Stutz to District 6, and Ed Bay to District 7. GMEC Board President Jim Rex reported on cooperative achievements during 2016. Shirley Stutz, secretary-treasurer, reported on the cooperative's financial status.

Craig Grooms, vice president of market operations for Buckeye Power, GMEC's Columbus-based generation and transmission cooperative, reaffirmed the organization's commitment to the delivery of clean, safe, affordable, and reliable service, as well as to a comprehensive energy mix.

General Manager and CEO Jerry Kackley expressed his gratitude to the GMEC staff and commented that President Trump's recent signing of an executive order effectively begins the process of rolling back the

mandates inherent to the Clean Power Plan. Kackley went on to state that Cardinal Generating Station, the 1830 MW coal-fired plant that supplies power to Ohio's 24-member statewide cooperative network, is among the cleanest of its kind on the globe. The co-op's pending OurSolar program will offer 60 kW capacity, with 228 panels each generating 335 watts of power (410 kWh per panel).

GMEC has \$653,000 budgeted this year to remove ash trees that have been affected by the emerald ash borer, and to complete its changeover to residential electronic meters in 2017. Its LED commercial outdoor replacement pilot program will also wind up by calendar year-end. The new lights use 60 percent less power than the original lights used.

Kackley concluded the meeting by stating that the Renrock substation is in service, which will relieve the load of its Cumberland counterpart. He offered that the co-op's new online bill and automated direct payment system has met with overall member satisfaction.





### Welcome Dalton Hosom

Guernsey-Muskingum welcomes Dalton Hosom to the cooperative line crew. Dalton began employment in March 2017 as an Apprentice Lineman. He's a graduate of Zanesville High School and he brings work experience from a local investor-owned utility. Dalton resides near Chandlersville and he's engaged to be married this summer to Jessica Drake. In his free time, Dalton enjoys spending time with his family 14-month old daughter Stella, his nephew Sylus and Jessica's children Clayton & Carter. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Please join us in welcoming Dalton.

## THANK YOU GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM LINEMEN



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative employs 14 linemen who work day and night to keep the power on for GMEC members. On April 10, 2017, all employees celebrated National Lineman Appreciation Day with our line crew.

Thank you Adam, Barry, Bill, Blake, Chad E, Chad W., Dalton, Frank, Haven, Jeff G., Jeff L., Lou, Matt & Troy for all you do!

**Kneeling:** Adam Steer, Jeff German, Chad Wittmer, Chad Forker, Troy Carpenter, Barry Wisniewski, and Bill Neptune

**Standing:** Line Supt. Rob Weber, Dalton Hosom, Lou DeLorenzo, Matt Weaver, Haven Holdcroft, Blake West, Jeff Langley, and Frank Wells

### PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material, not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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## NOTES AND REBATES

### Geothermal heating/cooling system — \$300 rebate

We have a \$300 rebate to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling, and hot water system available today. To be eligible, the geothermal unit must be Energy Star®-rated and have a radio-controlled switch installed on the unit and on your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 members use geothermal.

### Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater (40-gallon minimum), you're eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches must be installed on both the heat pump and the water heater. Over 880 members use Dual Fuel.

### Cool Returns — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric-resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch, and receive a \$100 rebate check. Over 150 members participate in Cool Returns.

### Energy Star® refrigerator/freezer rebate

Did you buy a new Energy Star refrigerator or freezer? We may have a \$100 rebate for you. Call for details.

### Water heater with a hole

The 4-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for free delivery. If bought elsewhere, we offer \$50 to \$100 rebates.

### Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from GMEC, our member services technician, Tim Fisher, will install your water heater for an additional charge.

### Radio-controlled switch

If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater (40-gallon minimum), please call and Tim Fisher will install one for FREE. Over 5,300 GMEC members have an RCS on their water heaters. This entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning), including parts and labor on your electric water heater. Some exclusions apply; call for details.

### GenerLink™

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call GMEC and ask them about GenerLink, which eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen.

### Meter reading

You can enter your meter readings online at our website, [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com). As always, you can also mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.

### Co-op Connections® Card

The Co-op Connections Card is free to all GMEC members. Receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining, and more. Visit [www.gmenergy.com](http://www.gmenergy.com) to learn more.

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### OFFICE HOURS

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Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 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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