



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

GRATITUDE

On April 18, we celebrated National Linemen Appreciation Day and reached out to our linemen to show them that we appreciate all that they do. Many members who attended the annual meeting this year wrote notes of thanks as well, and I can assure you that the linemen read all of them. As the General Manager, I am thankful for these linemen and all of our employees. The work they all do helps to assure that your Cooperative is able to continue to provide the safe, reliable, affordable power that our members need every day. We cannot succeed without the efforts and dedication of the entire cast.

But, there is another group that deserves our gratitude as well. Your Cooperative is guided by a democratically elected board of directors. These seven folks are members just like you, and they share the same desire to keep the lights on in southeastern Ohio. The board meets monthly and reviews the finances and operations of the co-op, setting the direction for Guernsey-Muskingum by establishing policies and rates, approving budgets, and providing oversight for the organization. They sincerely care about the Cooperative, the members, and the surrounding communities. They strive to make decisions that help to assure a bright future for everyone.

Finally, we need to thank YOU, the member-owners of the cooperative. We appreciate your patience when outages do occur and for helping us to assure that the power keeps flowing not only to you but also to your neighbors. Since 1938, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative has existed because our members, employees, and directors worked together for the common good!



Jerry Kackley
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

And, speaking of gratitude, as you read this Mother's Day has already been checked off on the calendar and Father's Day is quickly approaching. These are days that we set aside to honor our parents, the angels we call mom and dad. So, to all the moms and dads out there, all the caregivers, or anyone who fulfills these roles — Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day! Your children appreciate the love and sacrifices, even if they don't know it yet.

God bless!

Jerry





Guernsey-Muskingum holds



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

Members enjoyed hot dogs grilled by GMEC linemen, musical group Soul Legacy, plus games and vendor displays, before hearing reports on the state of their cooperative and voting for directors.

Members re-elected directors Brian Hill to District 1 and John Enos to District 4. GMEC Board President Jay Gray reported on cooperative achievements during 2017. Ed Bay, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the cooperative's financial status.

Doug Miller, vice president of statewide services at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, the statewide trade association and wholesale power supplier for the 25 co-ops in the Buckeye State, reported a major management transition in the Ohio co-op generation fleet. "After a successful 50-year management partnership with American Electric Power, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives has taken over operational duties of Cardinal Generating Station, the primary source of power for co-op members," Miller said.

In his annual address, GMEC General Manager/CEO Jerry Kackley noted the stability of the cooperative's electric rates and overall finances. "Since 2012, Guernsey-Muskingum's rates haven't gone up," said Kackley. "The average member is actually paying a little bit less today than they did six years ago."



81st annual meeting



Kackley also highlighted the cooperative's system maintenance efforts in 2017, which included the inspection and treatment of more than 5,000 poles in the cooperative's distribution system — a \$4.2 million investment last year alone.

During the business meeting, children were entertained by magician Dave Lehman and received a stuffed hippo at the end of the day. After the business meeting, door prizes and energy credits were awarded.





GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song."
— Pam Brown

Happy Father's Day from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric!



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow, and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Source: energy.gov



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*.

#85-0023-20-02..... Keith J Patti

#29-0115-04-04 Tyler D Howard

#59-0059-43-00..... Michael L Vierheller

#19-0007-21-02 Randy F Bollinger

#49-0034-14-05

Max Millhone

#39-0236-25-00.....

Fred Tierney



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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, 2018,

and Feb. 28, 2019)

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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