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Happy 75th Central Electric Cooperative!

The year 2012 marks the United Nations International Year of the Cooperative. This international designation is intended to bring attention to the significant contributions that cooperative businesses bring to our communities and the world at large. Coincidentally, 2012 is also Central Electric Cooperative's (CEC) 75th year of providing electric service to our members.

When I use the word “cooperative,” it refers specifically to your electric cooperative. However, cooperatives are responsible for any number of services. They are common not only in electric service but also farming and water service and countless other enterprises. No matter what the service is they all share the same foundation, a group

of individuals joined together to meet a common need. It is all about self-reliance, self-help and local control.

The Rural Electrification Act enabled rural community members the opportunity to provide electric service to themselves when investor-owned utilities would not. Across the country electric cooperatives formed and allowed electrification of the United States.

In 1937, a group of your neighbors gathered together and formed CEC. They recognized the importance of electricity to the future and prosperity for this area and made sure we would be served. We have come a long way from those first days of lighting a single light bulb. We now serve over 25,000 members in seven different counties. Our system is much more robust and

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technically advanced than it once was allowing us to provide for our members' changing energy demands. While equipment, technology and what we use it for has changed dramatically in these first 75 years, the principles we were founded on have not:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

2. Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

3. Member Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. They usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership.

Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: devel-

oping the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible, benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

4. Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

5. Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public — particularly young people and opinion leaders — about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

6. Cooperation among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

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Member Memories:

“My favorite memory is when we got electricity. I remember being so excited because we made ice cubes! We never had ice cubes before!”

Margery Terwilliger, member since 1953.

If you have a favorite CEC memory and would like to be considered for this special column, please contact Jessica Brison at 1-800-521-0570 ext. 2173.

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7. Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

These formal principles are mentioned in past articles and can be found most anywhere a cooperative description exists. More importantly than the written principles however is the commitment they represent. The commitment that began with a small group of determined

people with a vision for an electrified future that continues today.

We plan to spend the year talking about our past and planning for our organization's future. Each of you is a part of our past and future successes, so let me be the first to thank you and say "Happy Anniversary!" We are planning quite a celebration for our annual meeting this year and hope you will join us. A couple highlights to look forward to are a video featuring past and present members and employees, and the Touchstone Energy® balloon at this year's meeting.

Fifth Annual Good Neighbor Scholarship Program

CEC is pleased to announce the return of the Good Neighbor Scholarship program. Winners are selected based upon their non-paid volunteer work in their community, church and school. The program is open to CEC members or their children. To qualify applicants must:

- Complete our application (available online)
- Provide a copy of an acceptance letter from a post-secondary educational institution
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a high school, employer or organization
- Write a one-page essay on how they have contributed in their community

For more information or to download an application visit our website at www.central.coop and click on the Community tab and choose 2012 Good Neighbor Scholarship.

Attention High School Juniors: Youth Tour is Back!

CEC proudly announces an invitation for high school juniors to experience a trip of a lifetime. Youth Tour 2012 brings over 1,500 high school students from across America to Washington, D.C. from June 17-22 to experience our nation's capital, sight-see, meet legislators and learn about electric cooperatives. All expenses are paid by CEC.

We encourage interested students and parents to visit our website at www.central.coop. Click on the Community tab and choose 2012 Youth Tour.

Interested students are required to complete a Youth Tour application provided by your high school guidance counselors or at CEC's website. Our board of directors has restricted participation in Youth Tour to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative. Deadline for Youth Tour applications is Feb. 17, 2012.

If you have questions regarding Youth Tour, please contact Ken Maleski at 1-800-521-0570, ext. 2172 or kmaleski@central.coop.

Save the Date!

Come join us for CEC's
75-Year-Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at
Whitehall Campgrounds in Emlenton, Pa.
RSVP today! 1-800-521-0570.

More information to come.

Attention CEC Members

We still need a seasonal member
to join the 2012-2013
Member Aware Advisory Committee
(MAAC).

If you are interested in serving
contact Chris O'Donnell at
1-800-521-0570, ext. 2170.

Install a New Water Heater Today!

The Barkley residence in West Sunbury is
one of many CEC members with a water heater
on Central's
Load
Management
Program.

The water
heater
was installed
in November
2011 by John
Relihan, owner
of Dr. Water Heater, Inc. (pictured on right).



Interested members can purchase the
A.O. Smith tank with standard installation for
\$377.36 plus tax. For more information please
contact us at 1-800-521-0570 or visit our website
at www.central.coop.

2011 Service Awards

CEC is pleased to recognize the following
employees for their dedication to the company:
35 years of service: Jeff Murray; 30 years
of service: Randy Bernard, Scott Best, Eric
Terwilliger; 20 years of service: Lisa Hoover;
15 years of service: Janet Guthrie; 10 years of
service: Brice Stewart; and five years of
service: Dawn Larimore and Josh Wallin. Also
receiving retirement awards were Rocky Master
with 38 years of service and Bev Pipher with 18
years of service.



From left to right: Matthew Boshaw, Lisa Hoover, Bev Pipher, Dawn Larimore and Josh Wallin

Ken's
kilowatt
corner



By **Ken Maleski**
CEC Consumer
Marketing Representative

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Check it out!



Load Management Program: \$25 Sign-Up Bonus

Sign-up to participate in our load management program with your electric water heater and earn a \$25 credit! CEC installs a device on your tank at no cost to you. Benefits are:

- Obtain an instant \$25 bill credit
- Receive \$2.50 bill credit each month after the device is installed
- Help stabilize future power costs to the cooperative

Participants must remain in the load management program for a minimum two years. Mobile homes (unit has an axle and can be transported), homes with 40-gallon tanks and more than one person living in the home, and water heaters installed by the cooperative are not eligible. Water temperature comfort levels are unlikely to be compromised.

Call 1-800-521-0570 ext. 2172 or email kmaleski@central.coop for more information.

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Winter Storm Safety

Snow and ice storms are an inevitable part of the winter season. However, they can lead to downed power lines and outages. Remember the following tips to stay safe and warm should you find yourself in the dark after a severe winter event:

- Never touch a fallen power line and always assume any wires on the ground are electrically charged. Call CEC immediately to report fallen power lines.



Matt Alderson
Manager of Safety and
Operational Support

- Use an alternative heating source such as a fireplace, propane space heater or wood stove.
- Make sure your generator is located outside your house for proper ventilation.
- Never connect generators to power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting lineman.
- Always have at least one phone that does not depend on electricity during a power outage.

Recipe of the Month

Apple Crisp for Two

Ingredients:

- 1–1/2 cups sliced tart apples
- 2 tablespoons quick oatmeal
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons softened butter or oleo
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions:

1. Spread apples in baking dish.
2. Mix remaining ingredients and sprinkle over apples.
3. Microwave on high until apples are tender about 5–6 minutes. Enjoy!

*Thank you to Mary Ellen Edinger
for submitting the recipe!*

Send Recipes to:

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Read Power Lines and



Last Issue's Winner:

Curtis C. Benke of Tarentum

Read your issue of CEC's Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$50 credit on your monthly electric bill by reading Power Lines and completing the quiz below.

Complete, clip and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For a faster entry and for quiz rules you may complete the survey online at www.central.coop/quiz.

1. True or False: The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: Sign-up for the Water Heater Program and receive a \$30 credit.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: Always connect your generator to the power lines.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no right/wrong answer)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Account No:** _____



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