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*Celebrating 75 years
of service excellence*

George Walton,
Hancock-Wood
Electric Cooperative
CEO and President

Involvement may halt EPA regs from causing rate hikes

Climate-change activists mean well but may not understand that trying to eliminate carbon-dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants - when there is no viable power alternative - may be a bit short sighted. Coal fuels 80 percent of power generation in Ohio.

There has been a tremendous emissions-reduction undertaking by Ohio plants, resulting in a steady decline of flue gas exhausts such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury. These plants are operating at increasingly high levels of environmental efficiency. Still, activists advocate for severe reduction or elimination of coal plants, which leaves us with very few power options.

Fuel switching to natural gas is possible, but the entire U.S. coal fleet could not make this conversion overnight. In fact, technology that deals effectively with the demand for emissions scrubbing may not be available for a decade - and it likely will carry a hefty price tag when it does arrive. Practicality dictates that raising rates significantly in a struggling economy is an irresponsible practice.

Reducing risks to affordable, reliable electricity depends on the participation of all cooperative members. So, how can you help?

Write your member of the U.S. Congress to let him or her know you support responsible solutions to environmental issues that will not leave Ohio citizens without power alternatives. Doing so is much easier than it used to be. You even can do it online. To find your congressperson's e-mail addresses, visit: <http://www.contactingthecongress.org>

State Senate commends HVEC, members celebrate 75th Anniv.

On April 19, the General Assembly of the Ohio Senate commended HVEC on its 75th Anniversary Celebration for "consistently demonstrating exemplary professionalism and expertise, as well as an unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest industry standards." CEO George Walton announced the news at a special ceremony following an open house held the same day.

Members, past trustees, presidents and staff were recognized. Trustee Chair Ed Crawford presented awards to Vivian Gery and Joyce Miller, daughters of Gladys Baker Lee, longest-served member; and Cynthia Kear, fiscal officer for Eagle Township Hall, longest-served commercial member; Robert McClelland, only trustee to have served three different times, and John Cheney, past president, for dedicated service. Walton, Cheney and McClelland delivered speeches about HVEC's rich history.

There were more than a few surprises. Frank Dick, who was an HVEC meter reader in 1945, traveled from Adrian, Michigan, to attend the event. He pointed to a photograph on the nostalgia board, identifying himself with other staff members and his father Earl Dick, one of the first HVEC organizers and trustees.

As Frank Dick entered the reception area, he was stunned to see another past employee, Jane Davies, 92, who worked at the office in the 1940s as a payroll-job order clerk. Nearly 60 years had passed since they had spoken.

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From left, Trustee James Demler, CEO George Walton, Bob McClelland, Jane Davies, Frank Dick, David Corbin and John Edie.

Electrifying Developments

New recipe contest to rival 50th effort

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebration in 2013, HVEC will hold a recipe contest for members who are great cooks. Winning recipes will be published in a cook book similar to the one we produced 25 years ago. Please submit your one-page recipe by July 15, to info@hwe.coop or by mail to HVEC, 1399 Business Park Dr. S., North Baltimore, OH 45872. Look for more info on www.hwe.coop



HVEC Bon Appetit cook book flip chart created in 1988.

**HVEC Offices will close
Thursday, July 4,
in observance of
Independence Day**

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**
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Members first!



HVEC Board of Trustees:

Chairman Ed Crawford, Vice Chairman Steve Gerten, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Dierksheide, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Tom Kagy, Marlene Barker, David Corbin, James Demler, John Edie, Knut Lahrs and Dan Wickard with President and CEO George Walton.

illuminating News

Why were 1930s farmers in the dark?

In the 1930s, there were 6.8 million farms across the U.S.; however, only 10 percent or fewer had electrical service.

For-profit electric utilities did not wish to serve rural areas because there was little profit in serving so few customers per mile of power line - in contrast to heavily populated urban areas. When they did, they charged high fees, often double that of city residents.

In 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt felt strongly that electricity should not be limited to city dwellers and created the Rural Electrification Administration, which made funding available for rural electricity.

Farmers traveled in teams to spread the word throughout the area - "Get lights!" By 1937, organizers in Hancock and Wood counties began a campaign to bring electricity to the area and formed the Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative in 1938.

Setting stakes to raise power lines began. The first lines were energized and first meter set in 1939 in Henry Township in Wood County, and HWECC was incorporated.

By 1941, 2,000 meters were set and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association was formed the following year.

In the mid 1940s, the number of HWECC members tripled and five times the miles of power lines were installed.

By 1953, 90 percent of farms and rural locations were "powered."

In 1954, HWECC became the **first power supplier in the world** to offer individual security light service.

Today, HWECC serves 12,974 members in 10 counties in northwest Ohio.

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James Demler, Cynthia Kear and George Walton (continued from page 23)

Vivian Gery and Joyce Miller accepted a plaque honoring their mother, 102-year-old Gladys Baker Lee, who began HWECC service in 1938. Max Rader, 90, and his wife, Patricia Rader, 83, told visitors they became members after they married 65 years ago in Fostoria; however Ms. Rader said she has been a member since she was 8 years old and remembers the "lights turning on in 1938."

Long-time members Thomas and JoEllen TenEyck were astonished to find a photo of Mrs. TenEyck's grandfather, J. Edward Shoop, holding the ceremonial stake at the start of the co-op formation.

Another long-served member Jeanette Barker, wife of past Trustee Don Barker, said she was delighted by the historic photographs and booklets displayed at the open house. "I remember a lot of this," she said. One of the first linemen on Kelleys Island, Tom Wickard, attended with his son and HWECC Trustee Dan Wickard.

Long-time employee Pete Mains was on hand with his wife, Karen, who was an HWECC billing supervisor from 1973 to 1997. Mains was hired as an assistant accountant in 1958, promoted to operations manager in 1968, and worked in that position until his retirement in 1998. Mains continues to work part time for Hancock-Wood.

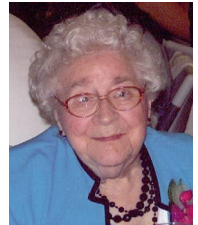
Board of Trustees members in attendance were: Chairman Ed Crawford, Vice Chairman Steve Gerten, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Dierksheide, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Tom Kagy, Marlene Barker, David Corbin,



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For a more complete history on Hancock-Wood, visit www.hwe.coop and click on the HWE's history link on the right hand side.



Gladys (Baker) Lee

HWECC Staff Highlights

Our June Staff Star is Custodian Sam Gordon, who has worked at HWECC for eight years. He says he likes the employees and the events - "especially the cook outs."

Gordon is responsible for the custodial work for the HWECC headquarters. When weather permits, he rides his bicycle nearly 20 miles each way to his job in North Baltimore from his home in Bowling Green.

Gordon's Job Coach, Tim Overly of Wood Lane Community Educational Services, said the role is working out very well for him.

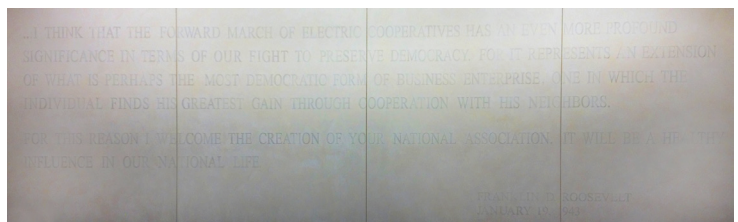
Gordon enjoys telling jokes to coworkers.

He is a graduate of Bowling Green High School.



Sam Gordon

WHAT DOES IT SAY?



Members first!

HWEC employee's act of kindness is heard across the nation



Sara and Mary Casey photo by Eliza Hallabek of The Newtown Bee

Hancock-Wood Accounting Assistant Mary Casey had a notion she could do something to help lessen her own grief and that of others across the country impacted by last December's tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Her idea blossomed into a local class project that won her daughter, Sara, a national award granted by Newtown Kindness. Casey found Charlotte Bacon's Acts of Kindness Awards, a memorial for the 6-year-old who lost her life along with 25 others at the fated school. She was touched by the intent of the contest and by the fact that Charlotte resembled Casey's own daughter who is 6 years old.

"When I look at Sara, I see Charlotte and all the kids who were lost that day," said Casey.

Sara related to Charlotte as well. "She liked the color pink and animals like me," she said.

Casey nominated her daughter for the contest because Sara gave a speech to her

class about kindness. Mary Casey coordinated a project to make quilt patches from student drawings of what kindness means to them, which helped bring the lesson home. Casey's mother-in-law, Sharon Casey, sewed the patches into a Kindness Quilt, now on display at Powell Elementary School in North Baltimore.

Casey received notice that her daughter's submission was one of the top eight children's entries chosen from across the nation to win an Act of Kindness award. Other winners were from Connecticut (2), Wisconsin, Texas, New York and California (2).

The award ceremony for the contest was held in Connecticut on what would have been Charlotte's seventh birthday - Feb. 22. Mary, her husband, Jim Casey, and their daughter drove to Newtown to accept the award. The event received national news coverage including a story that aired on NBC.

While in Connecticut, the Caseys met with Charlotte's parents, Joel and JoAnn Bacon,

"With every act of kindness that we see, it's a reminder of all that is good in this world," said Mr. Bacon.

Casey says she plans to continue assisting Newtown Kindness, which was formed by Aaron Carlson, whose own daughter, Ava, was a friend of Charlotte's. Carlson said the nonprofit group received more than 1,000 nominations for the annual contest.

Hancock-Wood President and CEO George Walton praised Mrs. Casey for following through on her idea to pay kindness forward and for her commendable volunteer effort.

Patronage/capital credit is a great member benefit

A major benefit for HWEC members is patronage capital. After co-op bills are paid, monies left over - called margins - are used to maintain electric lines. This becomes your investment, or equity, in the company.

Your patronage capital is tracked in a special account and you are notified of allocations. This money eventually will be refunded to you or your estate. For more information on patronage or capital credit, visit our web site at www.hwe.coop

U.S. Senate declares April 18 to be Lineman Day

Electric cooperative linemen were honored by the U.S. Senate in a resolution passed April 16 designating April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day. Tony Ahern, CEO of Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., said, "This is overdue recognition of a profession of special individuals who put life and limb on the line to keep the lights on for 40 million electric co-op members nationwide." HWEC employs 15 linemen to maintain 1,600 miles of electric lines.

You, the Owner

Radio-controlled switch will earn you \$100

Have we got a member benefit for you - \$100! You don't have to do anything - just let us install a radio-controlled switch (RCS), on your air conditioning unit to help you control your electricity costs.

Simple!

You not only receive \$100 but an additional \$5.50 credit per month from June through September for participating in the RCS program!

RCS allows your co-op to reduce electricity demands during peak times, which stabilizes costs and, ultimately, can reduce rates.

Don't worry, your a/c will still keep your house cool in summer.

Questions? No problem. To install your free switch and start saving on your electric bill, e-mail us at info@hwe.coop or use the Contact Us form at www.hwe.coop

While you are at it, consider scheduling an energy audit of your appliance use and cost. The \$150 fee is rebated to you after recommended energy-saving adjustments are completed. Let's get started!

Energy Bytes

Want to save energy and money?

Visit www.hwe.coop/saving/links.htm



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A 10-foot-long enlargement of a momentous statement made by Franklin D. Roosevelt, and faded by time, hangs in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association building in Washington, D.C. (see at left) It reads:

I THINK THAT THE FORWARD MARCH OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES HAS AN EVEN MORE PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF OUR FIGHT TO PRESERVE DEMOCRACY. FOR IT REPRESENTS AN EXTENSION OF WHAT IS PERHAPS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC FORM OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, ONE IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL FINDS HIS GREATEST GAIN THROUGH COOPERATION WITH HIS NEIGHBORS.

FOR THIS REASON, I WELCOME THE CREATION OF YOUR NATIOAL ASSOCIATION. IT WILL BE A HEALTHY INFLUENCE IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE. - FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JANUARY 19, 1943

Getting wired!



Want to have a little fun, watch a cartoon, learn a new song and learn about how electricity works - all at the same time?

Type this into your computer, tablet or smart phone browser and flip the switch!

<http://youtu.be/HBu9LZa8Yrk>



Cow Power?

You have to be kidding! Try out this game and see what it's all about at

www.kidsenergyzone.com or type this link in your browser and go right to it!

www.kidsenergyzone.com/games/activities/detail63.cfm?activityid=19



See what else CFL Charlie has in store for you at Kids Energy Zone

www.kidsenergyzone.com

Kidz Zip Lines.....



Q: Why did the foolish gardener plant a light bulb?



A: He wanted to grow a power plant.



Willie Wiredhand says - Be safe around electricity!

1. Always ask a grown-up for help when you need to use something that uses electricity.
2. Don't yank or pull cords from a wall.
3. Ask a grown-up to put safety caps on all unused electrical outlets. This can also help save energy by stopping drafts.
4. Keep electrical stuff away from water. Water and electricity don't mix. Most electrical accidents in the home happen when people use electricity near water.
5. Watch out for power lines. Never touch a power line on the ground or in a tree - be safe! When in doubt - ask a grown up!

Did you ask your parents about Cedar Point tickets yet?



Don't forget to ask your parents to stop by the HWEC office to pick up your member-discount tickets to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky.

Any-day general admission discounted tickets are \$42 per person (\$54.99 if you buy them yourself at the gate) and are available to all HWE Co-op members and friends. Tickets can be used from June 15 through October, 2013. You must be between the ages of 3 and 61, and 48" or taller.

CFL Charlie's Summer Search



Hey kids! CFL Charlie here. Looking to stay cool over the summer? Here are some tips on how to do that while saving energy.

- 1) Turn your thermostat up a few degrees - it can save you a lot of money! If you're still hot, turn on a ceiling fan or have a popsicle.
- 2) Make sure to turn off things like your TV and shut down your computer - those make a lot of heat if you leave them on.
- 3) Finally, make sure to replace your regular light bulbs with CFL or LED light bulbs - these save energy and aren't as hot.

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