

Eight 2014 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

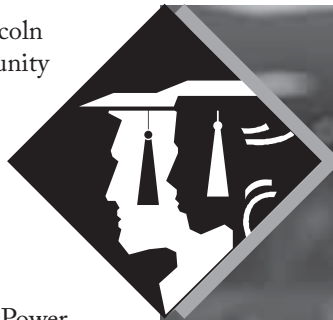
Executive V.P./ General Manager John Meng has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will again in 2014 award seven academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, an eighth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric line-worker school – will also be offered.

The eight scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded in 2014 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The eighth annual \$1500 scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was created in 2011 to help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunc-

tion with Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC), Springfield, Ill.. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, endowed the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard; and individuals participating in the LLCC lineworker’s program are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship. “We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Gen. Mgr. Meng. “Clay Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric line-worker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country



through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, check out the Clay Electric website at www.ceci.coop. All necessary paperwork has also been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website www.ceci.coop or at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative’s website www.aiec.coop. Any questions please call Member Services Director Doug Hockman at Clay Electric Cooperative at 662-2171, or toll free 1-800-582-9012.

Adjustment of rates for Clay Electric members

At the annual meeting held September 5, 2013 it was announced that no more than a three per cent (3.0%) overall increase in rates would need to be made beginning January 1, 2014 to cover an approximate \$160,000 increase in wholesale power cost during 2014. The changes made to the rates are based on a Cost Of Service (COS) study that has been conducted by the engineering department at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

Based on the information in the COS, the Board decided to raise the facilities charge in Rate 1 to \$33.00. This will help distribute the cost of service more fairly for all member accounts. As a result of the change in Rate 1, Rates 11 and 12 (grain drying) and Rates 21 and 31 (electric heat) will all be affected. The facilities charge will also be increased for all other rates.

The old and new rates are shown below for Rate 1 and a few examples are listed to give an idea as to how your bill might be affected. If you need help in determining what the

Old Rate 1		New Rate 1	
Facilities charge	\$30.00	Facilities charge	\$33.00
First 1000 kWh	.12488 per kWh	First 1000 kWh	.12600 per kWh
All kWh over 1000	.08907 per kWh	All kWh over 1000	.08950 per kWh

Table of Usage and Costs (Rate 1)			
Monthly kWh usage	Old Rate \$	New Rate \$	Difference \$
0 kWh	30.00	33.00	3.00
250 kWh	61.22	64.50	3.28
500 kWh	92.44	96.00	3.56
750 kWh	123.66	127.50	3.84
1000 kWh	154.88	159.00	4.12
1500 kWh	199.42	203.75	4.33
2000 kWh	243.95	248.50	4.55
2500 kWh	288.49	293.25	4.76

effect will be on your bill, please contact the office. Prior to bills being sent out February 2014 you will be sent a letter giving more detail information regarding the specific rate that your account is billed on.

Rental charges for security lights remain unchanged.

The new rates will take effect January 1, 2014 and will be reflected in the February 2014 bill.

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Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Regular meeting November 25, 2013

Trustees present were: Frank Czyzewski, Neil Gould, Frank Herman, Kevin Logan, Bob Pierson, Richard Rudolphi, Danny Schnepfer and Greg Smith. Also present were Executive Vice President/General Manager John Meng, and Cooperative Attorney Melanie Pearce. Absent was Bill Croy. The invocation was given by Greg Smith.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held October 28, 2013.

Accepted 16 new members for service.

Canceled 15 members no longer receiving service.

Approved work orders in the amount of \$15,288.28.

Accepted the disbursement list for the month of October 2013.

Heard a report by Trustee Logan concerning the recent AIEC Board meeting, including financial information, political activism regarding coal fire generation regulation,

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Take heart: you're the cure

Mark American Heart Month with risk prevention tips

Before you finish reading this article (about 40 seconds), an American will have a stroke. Don't be a statistic. Be the cure.

Heart disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, heart disease triggers one in four deaths. The good news? Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions.

To prevent heart disease and increase awareness of its effects, **Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.** joins the nation this February to mark American Heart Month.

Make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Already have heart disease? Controlling or preventing risk factors remains important. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.



Learn more at yourethecure.org or www.heart.org (both American Heart Association).

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legislative updates including pension reform, safety education, and discussions regarding emergency workplace issues related to legislation regarding "Conceal Carry of Firearms", and medical marijuana.

Heard a report by Trustee Herman concerning the recent SIPC Board meeting, including the financials, CEO transition schedule, real estate sale/lease possibilities, and SIPC Administrative and Finance Dept. Summary.

Approved the Managers

report as presented by Gen. Mgr. Meng including Financial and Maintenance reports.

Updated on GIS mapping project

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng as to Managerial Succession Planning including advertising and interview schedule.

Discussed draft Delegation of Authority Policy.

Reminded of December change of regular monthly meeting date.

Heard and approved a report by

Gen. Mgr. Meng as to the retirement of Capital Credits to the estates of 3 deceased members pursuant to Cooperative Policy.

Heard a report by Gen. Mgr. Meng as to recent monthly safety meeting topic "Near Misses" and recent Accidents statewide.

Reviewed, Discussed, and Approved the replacement of an office copy machine.

Disbursed copies of Mayo Clinic "Embody Health" magazine.

Adjournment.

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