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**Registration begins
at 5 p.m.**

**Business Meeting
at 7 p.m.**



McDonough Power Cooperative 77th Annual Meeting Thursday, August 21 at The Crossing in Macomb

Please Join Us...

On behalf of the board of directors of McDonough Power Cooperative, I extend a personal invitation to attend your cooperative's 77th annual meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014, at The Crossing church in Macomb. There will be a short business meeting to conduct the necessary business affairs of the cooperative. This is your opportunity to participate in the operation of your cooperative.

Before the meeting, pork chop sandwiches, chips, and soda will be served starting at 5 p.m. – in addition to the popular kettle corn. Sally Weisenburg will perform on the stage from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. and we will once again feature the energy wall. Registration tables will be set up in the entryway from 5 to 7 p.m. – please register upon arrival to receive a FREE gift. All registered members will also receive a \$10 bill credit just for attending. Registered members who are present at the end of the business meeting will also be eligible for the grand prize drawings. 6316D8-212B

Please remind your friends and neighbors about the meeting. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Steve Lynn

Chairman of the Board





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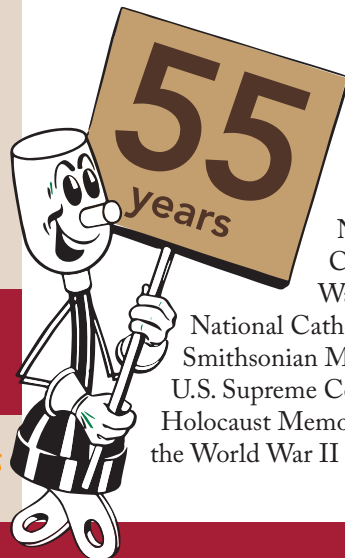


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- Steve Lynn, Chairman
- Jerry Riggins, Vice Chairman
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- Jeffrey Moore, Treasurer
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Youth to Washington Tour

Cole Ornduff and Gabrielle Torrance represented McDonough Power Cooperative and Angie Cluff, Emily Howard, Grace Shryack and Hayden Walter represented McDonough Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour, June 13-20. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction for rural youth to our democratic form of government and the cooperative business model.

The students met with Congresswoman Cheri Bustos and were among 75 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,600 young leaders from across the country from 44 states. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, The U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial,

memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Sophomores and juniors in high schools that are within the service area of McDonough Power Cooperative and McDonough Telephone Cooperative, Inc. are eligible to participate in the annual program. **101E32B4-462B**

Pictured from l-r front row: Shryack, Congresswoman Bustos and Cluff. Second row l-r: Ornduff, Torrance and Walter. (not pictured Howard)



Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the members of the nominating committee met at Cerar's Barnstormer Restaurant in Monmouth, Illinois, on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. to nominate candidates for election as directors at the McDonough Power Cooperative's next annual meeting of members to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 21, 2014. **101E31D1-462B**

The following members were present:

Ed Coker	Daniel L. Wise
Todd Lester	Millie Shields
Leroy Tappe	Janice King
Lauren Still	Ryan Richards
Larry Bradford	Mark Hanson
Harbert (Bill) Davenport	

The committee selected the following nominees to be candidates for director to serve for a three-year term and to be elected at the annual meeting.

DISTRICT #4:	David Lueck
DISTRICT #6:	Jeffrey N. Moore
DISTRICT #9:	Steve Younquist

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition.

Leroy Tappe, Chairman

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When the A/C is on, I keep the sun out. It's nothing huge, but it's worth the effort. It's also worth two tickets to a summer blockbuster. Find out what you can do at TogetherWeSave.com.

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Our office will be closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.



Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

During summer months, our homes can be extremely hot, making living conditions uncomfortable. Before you fire up your air conditioner, try cooling off with a ceiling fan first. Using ceiling fans can actually raise your thermostat setting by 4 degrees and still feel just as comfortable.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Member Prizes

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find the map location number that corresponds to the one on your bill (found above the usage graph), call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

Your role in Co-op Nation

There is a reason we say member, not customer

By Adam Schwartz

McDonough Power Cooperative is connected to a network of cooperatives. You might be thinking, “Really? How does that work?” McDonough Power is a member of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), www.aiec.coop. We do this to keep in close contact with our ‘sister’ utilities and to stay up to date on how to best serve you. They are there to assist with local training, legislative issues affecting us in Illinois and when we have a severe outage, we can call on them to assist in getting your electricity back on as soon as possible. This is one of the ways we live up to our seven cooperative principles, which includes “cooperation among cooperatives.”

McDonough Power is also a member of Prairie Power, Inc. (PPI), www.ppi.coop. This is the organization that produces the power that we buy at the wholesale level and enables us to provide safe, reliable and efficient power to you at the lowest possible cost. PPI is also a cooperative, and we hold a seat on the organization’s Board of Directors to represent your interests. **5316C8-260B**

But wait--there’s more! McDonough Power is also a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) www.nreca.coop that unites electric cooperatives in the 47 states we serve. NRECA provides important benefits such as representing our interests with federal lawmakers and the Administration (the executive branch of our government). NRECA also provides health and retirement benefits to our employees, as well as training for board members and employees.

NRECA is a member of both the National Cooperative Business Association www.ncba.coop and the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) www.ica.coop, which is made up of a wide range of cooperative businesses including those in agriculture, banking (credit unions), health care, housing, purchasing and many others in more than 80 countries. Many of these

businesses represent some of the best known global brands in the world.

In 2013, the ICA released the “Blueprint for a Cooperative Decade” designed to promote the cooperative business model as the best way to meet both the economic and social needs of individuals and communities.

The report (which is available for free at www.ica.coop) describes the five key areas that all co-ops emphasize:

- Participation (member engagement)
- Sustainability (how we help our communities prosper)
- Identity (making sure people understand and showcase the cooperative business model)
- Legal Framework (making sure laws and regulations help, not harm our ability to operate for your benefit)
- Capital (ensure we have the money we need to finance our operations)

Member owners like you at McDonough Power have a role to play in all of these areas, but it is Participation (member engagement)

that is critically important. We strive to have members actively participate in our governance through voting or running for our board of directors.

Back in the early days of McDonough Power, we never could have existed without the active participation of all of our members. While technology and reliability have improved, we still need you to be involved. In many ways, it is more important than ever that you feel like you belong to our co-op.

Margaret Mead the cultural anthropologist once said, “Never doubt the ability of a small group of people to change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” McDonough Power is connected to a world full of people who believe in the cooperative principles and values, and we need you to be connected to us by more than just the electric line. So, get involved. Come to our annual meeting on August 21, and make your voice heard. Together, we can make Co-op Nation stronger than ever.

Adam Schwartz is the founder of The Cooperative Way a consulting firm that helps co-ops succeed. He is an author, speaker and member-owner of the CDS Consulting Co-op. You can follow him on Twitter @adamcooperative.

Seven Cooperative Principles

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 policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights. In other forms, one member may have one or more votes, but no more than one vote is exercised in a democratic manner.

3 MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperatives. At least part of that capital is owned by the members. Members usually receive a fair share of the surplus assets in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative. For one or all other forms, a contract, developing the cooperative, provides for sharing in decisions, part of which at least would be allocable to 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 full control by their members and preserve their cooperative autonomy.

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION
Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that 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 their cooperative movements by working together through local, national, regional and international programs.

7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY
While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

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