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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBER-OWNERS OF TIDELAND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

CO-OP DEMOCRACY: Nominees sought for director elections

It is once again time to nominate candidates for Tideland's annual director elections. The nominating committee will meet February 7, 2008, to consider candidates for directorial districts 2, 3, 7 and 10. Interested candidates should contact a member of the nominating committee prior to the meeting. The committee's nominees will be posted at all Tideland offices on February 8, 2008.

Nominations can also be made by submitting a petition signed by 15 co-op members no later than February 26, 2008.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The following guidelines are excerpted from Board Policy No. 302 and Bylaw 4.02 to ensure quality representation.

Legal & Personal Requirements

1. A Tideland member & bonafide resident of the directorial district.

2. A member no less than 2 years on the date of election.
3. Willing to promote & protect the co-op's interests.
4. Able to impartially represent the entire co-op membership.
5. Willing to regularly attend board meetings.
6. Can not be a close relative of an existing director or employee.
7. Is not employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise.
8. Was not previously employed by TEMC, any other utility/energy company, or any entity which substantially rendered services to a utility/energy company.

Aspects of Service

1. Put forth the effort to understand the co-op and provide sound judgement to reach decisions.
2. Respect official decisions made by a majority of the board.

REAL CRAFTSMANSHIP:



East Carolina Wildlife Arts Festival

Carve out some time on your calendar to attend the 13th annual East Carolina Wildlife Arts Festival in Washington, February 8-10. The festival will once again host the North Carolina Decoy Carving Championships.

Both the 2008 North Carolina Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp will be unveiled during the Friday night preview party.

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DECOY JOY

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This year's lineup includes more than 130 wildlife art and carving exhibitors.

In addition to the carving competitions the festival will host the Southern Classic Duck, Goose and Swan Calling Championship. There will also be retriever demonstrations.

The NC Estuarium will be the sight of a children's decoy painting contest.

The festival has steadily grown over the years and shuttle service is now provided between the various event venues.

For more information visit www.eastcarolinawildfowlgild.com

From our Chief Executive Officer: Toy drive a 15 year success



William H. Stacy

In December Tideland employees delivered more than 1,325 toys to local agencies.

That brings us to more than 20,000 toys delivered in the past 15 years. And despite rough economic times our members and local partners continue to generously give.

In particular we wish to thank the following participants: Southern

Bank and Dollar General of Belhaven, along with students and teachers at Northside High School and Terra Ceia Christian School.

We also want to thank the area schools and businesses that continue to allow us to take Santa photos which serves as our primary fundraiser: Ocracoke School, Pines Elementary, Pamlico Primary, Northeast Elementary,

Mattamuskeet Elementary and the Variety Store at Ocracoke.

Together we touched many young lives during the holiday season. Thank you for your continuing care.



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One of the easiest ways to pay your electric bill is by phone. Before you get started please have your electric account number and debit or credit card handy.

Dial 1-800-882-1001. When the phone system answers say or press "4". Then say or enter your TEMC account number.

The system will tell you the date of your last payment and the amount currently due on your account.

To complete the transaction you will need to enter your credit card number, expiration date and zip code where the credit card bill is sent.

When making payment you must pay the current or past due amount in its entirety. Partial payments can not be accepted using the phone system. To do so please press "0" for a customer service representative.

Beware the Window Dressing

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REAL EASY
ENERGY
PROJECTS

Auntie Em wants to save money and reduce drafts during cold winter nights. A nice young man from The Cure All Window Company, which she's seen advertised on TV, tells her she can save 50% on her energy bills by replacing all of her windows with low-e coated, argon-filled double-paned windows. They even have a sale going on: they will replace all 20 of her windows for \$200 each.

Her niece Dorothy, a graduate of the Building Science Department at Appalachian State University, doesn't think this is the best way for Auntie Em to save on her energy bill. Dorothy determines that 50% of Auntie Em's yearly energy use goes to heating and cooling her home. Auntie Em's energy bills total \$2,000 annually so \$1,000 of that is for heating and cooling. Typically, about 10% of the heating and cooling energy use is attributable to heat lost or gained through the windows. How long will it take Auntie Em to start saving money on her nice new windows?

Cost of Windows: 20 windows X \$200 = \$4,000
Estimated Annual Heating and Cooling Costs: \$1,000
Energy Lost Through Windows Annually: \$100
Annual Energy Savings From New Windows: \$50

Number of Years to Recoup Cost of Windows:
80 YEARS

Moral of the Story: *There are lots of good reasons to replace windows but your energy improvement dollars are usually best invested elsewhere.*

1.

LABEL THE BREAKERS IN YOUR ELECTRICAL PANEL

2.

SWITCH YOUR REFRIGERATOR TO ENERGY SAVER MODE IF YOUR MODEL FEATURES SUCH AN OPTION

3.

MAKE SURE YOUR CRAWLSPACE VENTS ARE CLOSED TO KEEP OUT COLD WINTER AIR

4.

HAVE A HEATED WATER BED? MAKE YOUR BED. THE COVERS WILL HOLD HEAT IN.

2008 ANNUAL ELECTION COMMITTEES:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CONTACT PRIOR TO 2/7/08 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION

- District 1: Frank Allen • 8053 NC 99 N • Pantego, NC 27860 • 935-5269
- District 2: Olian Williams, Jr. • 1150 Puddin Hill Rd • Scranton, NC 27875 • 926-1811
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ELECTIONS &

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- Bruce Bowen • Plymouth
- David O'Neal, Sr. • Swan Quarter
- George Suggs • Belhaven
- Sue Conway • Bath
- Ernie Everett • Pinetown
- R. Del Franklin • Ernul
- Darrell Cayton • Edward

- E. Douglas Cahoon • Oriental
- Ben Watford • New Bern
- Woody Billings • Ocracoke
- Melvin Blount • Engelhard

The King of Caulk & Talk has moved to Sunday



Doug Rye's
Home Remedies
is now being
simulcast on
the New Talk
FM 94.3 FM and
KOOL 94.1 FM.
The program airs
every Sunday
morning from
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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3. Objectively evaluate questions and problems facing TEMC.

Points to Consider

1. Has the member demonstrated sound business judgement?
2. Has the member shown a capacity for leadership & a reputation for honesty & integrity?

3. Has the member shown a capacity for working well with others?
4. What problems might hinder the nominee's success?

For more information or to determine which district you reside in call corporate services manager Myra Beasley at 943-3046, ext. 1125 or 1-800-637-1079.

**ALWAYS
CALL
BEFORE YOU
DIG**

