

### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



# Investing in our future

While we talk frequently about investing in infrastructure and technology to ensure reliable delivery of electricity, our co-op makes additional investments that are crucial for our future: youth programs that help to develop our members and leaders of tomorrow.

Speaking of which: Applications are open now for scholarships and Youth Tour, two key opportunities for high school students.

### Cooperative scholarships

We award our Children of Members scholarships each year to college-bound students who exhibit academic excellence and strong extracurricular activities. Students compete for monetary scholarships based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and cooperative knowledge. This year, we'll provide \$16,500 in scholarships to seven deserving students. Our top winner will go on to compete for statewide scholarships through Ohio's Electric Cooperatives in Columbus, with the chance to win up to \$4,600 more.

We recognize that students follow many paths after high school, so we also award \$2,000 in Career/Technical Scholarships to two students pursuing two-year associate degrees or technical programs. Ohio's Electric Cooperatives offers additional trade school scholarships.

High school seniors who live in homes receiving electric service from the cooperative are encouraged to learn more and apply by visiting our website at [www.hwe.coop](http://www.hwe.coop).

### Youth Tour

Since the late 1950s, high school students sponsored by electric cooperatives across the nation have converged on the nation's capital for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Far more than just a sightseeing trip to Washington, D.C., Youth Tour allows teens to see government up close,

learn about the political process, meet with their congressional representatives, and better understand their roles as citizens.

In addition, the 50 delegates from Ohio and 2,000 participants from around the country learn about the history and importance of electric cooperatives and network with their peers from co-ops across the U.S. Our Ohio delegation also visits the Cardinal Power Plant, the Flight 93 National Memorial, and the Gettysburg Battlefield, as well as museums, monuments, and government buildings in D.C.

Past delegates have described Youth Tour as the "trip of a lifetime," which opened their eyes to opportunities and developed leadership skills that served them well in college and beyond. Delegates have gone on to serve as elected officials, school or business leaders, or successful entrepreneurs — and we're gratified that numerous others have found careers with electric cooperatives.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative sponsors four Youth Tour delegates each year. More Information and application forms are available at [www.hwe.coop](http://www.hwe.coop).

I'm proud of our cooperative's commitment to developing tomorrow's leaders, made possible by you, our members. If you have a child or grandchild in high school, or you know a promising student who lives in a cooperative household, please encourage that student to apply for scholarships or Youth Tour.

Each year, our scholarship winners and Youth Tour delegates impress me with their academic abilities, community involvement, energy, and enthusiasm. I can't wait to see what they'll achieve in the future and I'm glad that the co-op can help them along the way.



**Bill Barnhart**  
PRESIDENT & CEO

# Operation Round Up grants over \$37,000 to local nonprofits



The Community Trust Fund board, which oversees the Operation Round Up grant program, granted the following organizations funding for their requests:

- Vanlue Fire Department
- Wood County Educational Service Center
- North Baltimore Public Library
- Hancock Christian Clearing House
- Cancer Patient Services
- NRECA International
- HWE board of trustee's individual donations to be used for Christmas

Also during the meeting, Hancock-Wood President and CEO Bill Barnhart thanked Ellen McKee for her 15 years of service, as her term on the board has come to an end. If you know of a nonprofit organization that needs funding for a special project, please share information about our ORU program, which can be found along with the grant application, on our website at [www.hwe.coop](http://www.hwe.coop). The next grant deadline is January 12.

**Congratulations to President and CEO Bill Barnhart for receiving the IEEE Engineer of the Year Award**



Bill Barnhart was awarded the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Engineer of the Year award from the Toledo IEEE Section.

Bill is a past IEEE Toledo Section volunteer, encourages involvement in professional organizations like IEEE, previously served on Weston's village council, and currently serves on Northwestern Water & Sewer's board. He is pictured with the Toledo section Chair Jarrad Henson.



## Energy Explorers

# POP QUIZ

# Electricity Terms

How well do you know terms related to electricity? Test your knowledge! **Read the definitions below. Then, look at the word bank to match the correct terms to the definitions.** You can only use the words once, so choose carefully. Check your work in the answer key.

### Word Bank:

Conductor      Circuit      Insulator  
Volt (Voltage)      Static Electricity

1. A complete path that electricity flows through.  
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2. Something that allows electricity to pass through, such as metal or wire.  
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3. The standard unit of measurement for electricity.  
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4. Something that does not allow electricity to pass through easily, such as rubber.  
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5. Electricity build-up caused by rubbing two surfaces together.  
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### Answer Key:

1. Circuit  
2. Conductor  
3. Volt (Voltage)  
4. Insulator  
5. Static Electricity

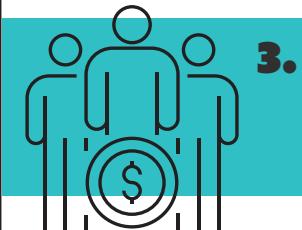
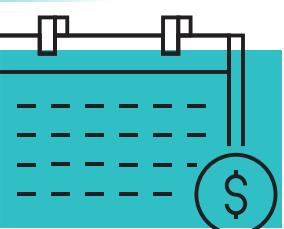


## HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK

Electric co-ops are not-for-profit and operate at cost. Capital credits are a financial benefit of co-op membership.



1. Members pay their electric bills, and we track their business with us each month.
2. The co-op pays operating expenses throughout the year and allocates any leftover operating revenue as capital credits.
3. When financial conditions permit, the co-op board votes to retire (pay) capital credits to the members.
4. We send members their share of capital credits as a bill credit or check.



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#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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#### HAVE A STORY SUGGESTION?

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