

# MEMBERS GATHER FOR CVEC'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING



The 80th Annual Membership Meeting was held Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Cornell High School auditorium. Approximately 280 people were in attendance, with 138 voting members registered at the meeting, as the business of the meeting was carried out:

- Members approved the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes.
- Board Chairman John Petska reviewed 2016 operations of both Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) and Dairyland Power Cooperative. Petska introduced the co-op's new president/CEO along with the board of directors and all other CVEC employees.
- President/CEO Dean Ortmann reminded the membership of the strength of cooperatives both locally and nationwide. He updated the membership on the past year's low outage times and the strong financial state of the co-op. Ortmann also recognized Board Chairman John Petska's 20 years of service to the cooperative.
- Office Manager June Bach presented the 2016 Financial Report. Although sales were down for the year, the co-op continues to be financially strong.
- Director of IT & Member Services Russ Falkenberg presented information about Med-A-Lert, distributed generation, and rebates.
- Operations Manager Rod Patten discussed the past year's projects and gave a special demonstration of PYXIS Mobile, a live outage management system.
- Operation Round Up Board Member Vern Weeks encouraged members to enroll in the program to help distribute funds to those in need in the community.
- Cooperative Attorney Mary Hoel conducted the open forum.
- Incumbent directors Clyde Shipman (District 3) and Deone Goettl (District 5) were re-elected to the board.
- The meeting concluded around noon with lunch served by Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative line crew.

The officers for the cooperative board of directors are: chairman, John Petska; vice-chairman, Don Frei; secretary-treasurer, Clyde Shipman; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Deone L. Goettl. Your Dairyland Power director is John Petska, with Don Frei as the alternate.



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1. Left to right: Mary Hoel, co-op attorney; and directors Kevin Meistad, Candis Homme, Deone Goettl, Harold Flater, Clyde Shipman, and Don Frei. 2. Mary Colbenson and Henry Shakal count the ballots. 3. John Petska, board chairman, addresses the membership. 4. Left to right: Candis Homme, board of director, district 6; Rod Patten, operations manager; Dean Ortmann, president/CEO.



1. At your service! Operations Department, left to right: Ed Rosseter, Jim Hodowanic, Danny Hladilek, and Chris Larson. 2. The early bird prize winner was Delmar Gravunder. 3. A supper club prize winner was Shirley Krogman. 4. Members of all ages enjoyed a snack before the meeting. 5. Izabelle Schwingle was presented with a thank you prize for being CVEC's little helper at the meeting.

## CONGRATULATIONS, CLYDE AND DEONE! Incumbent directors re-elected

Clyde Shipman was re-elected to the board of directors at the March 25 annual meeting. Clyde has served for 21 years on the board and was unopposed on the District 3 ballot. District 3 consists of members who reside in the north half of the Township of Sand Creek, Dunn County; the north half of the Township of Auburn and the entire Village of New Auburn, the Township of Sampson and that portion of the Township of Birch Creek located west of County Highway E, Chippewa County; the Township of Dovre, Barron County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said townships or portions of townships.



Deone Goettl was also unopposed on the ballot and was re-elected to another three-year term as director of District 5. Deone has served on the co-op's board of directors for 21 years. District 5 includes members who live in the entire Townships of Arthur, Delmar, and Edson and that portion of the Township of Colburn located West of County Highway D; that portion of the Township of Goetz located East of State Highway 27, Chippewa County; and those members of Chippewa Valley Electric

Cooperative whose service extensions lie within said townships or portions of townships.

Thank you for your continued service to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative!

# MAY IS ELECTRIC SAFETY MONTH

## GFCIs



Your *Protection* from Electrocution



Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters have **saved thousands of lives** since their introduction to the National Electrical Code in the 1970s. Make sure your home is **properly protected** against ground faults with the correct installation of GFCIs.

# 50%

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that **50% of home electrocutions** have been **prevented** by the introduction of GFCIs.

GFCI Protection is required for outlets installed in:

<b>Bathrooms</b> 	<b>Garages</b> 	<b>Outdoors</b> 	<b>Balconies, Decks, and Porches</b> 
<b>Kitchen Countertops</b> 	<b>Within 6 ft of a Sink</b> 	<b>Laundry Areas</b> 	<b>Within 6 ft of a Bathtub or Shower</b> 

### How to Test a GFCI

- Push the **RESET** button
- Plug in a nightlight or similar device
- The nightlight should be **ON**.
- Press the **TEST** button.
- The nightlight should turn **OFF**.
- Push the **RESET** button again.
- The nightlight should turn back **ON**.
- If the device does not turn on, **contact a qualified electrician** to inspect the outlet.



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## REMINDER:

### CVEC Cannot Locate Members' Underground Wires



Quite often Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative receives requests to locate members' underground wires. Due to safety and the liability risks, Chippewa Valley Electric is not able to locate members' wires.

It is still important to call for locates when digging. Just be aware that Chippewa Valley Electric will only locate its own wires.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 715.239.6800 or by email at [cvec@cve.coop](mailto:cvec@cve.coop).



## Is Your Central Air Conditioning Controlled?

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative is offering a \$25 rebate to new participants in our Central Air Conditioning Load Management Program. In order to qualify for the rebate, the member must sign up for the control before June 1, 2017.

In addition to the \$25 rebate, the member will receive a \$6 per month credit during June, July, and August. Central air conditioning has a special control strategy that cycles only the compressor, rather than shutting down the entire system for extended periods. When we need to control central air-conditioning systems, the compressor is cycled in 15-minute increments during the control period. The blower is not interrupted, as there is generally enough residual cold in the ductwork for the control to go unnoticed.

If you would like to receive the rebate and the AC credit, please contact our office for a rebate form, or the rebate form can be downloaded from our website at [www.cvecoop.com/forms/ACagreement.pdf](http://www.cvecoop.com/forms/ACagreement.pdf).

**Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.**



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