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**PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting
Canceled Due To Covid-19**



82nd Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

CANCELLED



By Myron Lambert
PC Electric General Manager

Pandemic causes cancelation of the
PC Electric 82nd Annual Meeting.

One of my favorite events on our co-op calendar is the Annual Membership Meeting. I can speak for both our co-op board and our employees when I say that they also enjoy the yearly opportunity to interact with the members we work so hard to serve.

For me, there are many highlights I look forward to experiencing at this event each year. It's a source of pride, for example, to stand up before the audience and report on the many accomplishments our organization has completed during the previous 12 months.

We are all proud of the extra effort we make to keep the power flowing throughout our service area. It's evident what a tremendous impact electricity has on our lives and our livelihoods, including playing a key role in the economic growth of our communities.

Another personal highlight (Lucky Number: 1586609) is the privilege of introducing our employees. I believe it's important that our members get to meet and interact with them. They are the backbone of our organization and are motivated to do their jobs because in many cases the members they serve are their friends, acquaintances, and extended family.

When the coronavirus struck in the spring, we hoped the pandemic would not have any bearing on this year's meeting. But with the recent surge in the number of positive cases, our board and management made the prudent decision to cancel the meeting for this year. It seems we all know someone who has tested positive and many of us know someone who has succumbed to its potentially deadly effects.

We will keep our members posted on future plans and developments as they unfold. Visit our website at www.pcmc.org and look to this publication for information (Lucky Number: 1666901) about your co-op. Here's hoping that one day soon we can resume a sense of normalcy. Stay safe and please be mindful of maintaining your social distance.



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Enter for a chance to win a \$1,500

[SCHOLARSHIP]

Attention High School Seniors PC Electric Essay Scholarship Opportunity

All high school seniors who are members of PC Electric *and* high school seniors who attend one of our adopted schools are eligible to enter.

- Iberville Parish: Plaquemine High, St. John High and Math, Science and Arts Academy-West
- Pointe Coupee Parish: Livonia High, False River Academy, Catholic High of Pointe Coupee, STEM Academy
- West Baton Rouge Parish: Port Allen High School

Students must write a formal letter approximately 500 words to an elected official. This is the perfect opportunity to voice your personal opinion to your elected officials on any issue, problem, or success. In the letter, (Lucky Number: 350203) the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official in formal letter format. Obscene or offensive material will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified. Good luck to all and have fun writing.

In order to apply for the essay scholarship, the following must apply:

(a) Applicant/Recipient must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member of and receives electricity from PC Electric OR attends one of our adopted schools listed above.

(b) Applicant/Recipient must have maintained at least a 2.5 overall GPA in high school. Applicant/Recipient must include a copy of his/her high school grades transcript.

(c) Applicant/Recipient must be entering his/her freshman year of an accredited college, university, business or vocational school of their choice.

(d) Applicant/Recipient must be a full-time student.

A complete description of the guidelines, contest rules, and application for the scholarship can be found on our website at www.pcemc.org under Educational Programs.

District 7 Incumbent Settoon to return to board and board election will be held for District 1

Chris Settoon of District 7, was recently re-elected without opposition to serve on the PC Electric Board of Directors.

There will be a board election this year in District 1 between incumbent Mr. Al Ewing and Ms. Adrienne Williams.

The 2021 Board of Directors election for District 1 is being conducted by mail only. Hand-delivered ballots will not be counted.

A voting ballot will be mailed to our members in District 1 on December 10, 2020 from our certified public accountant, Major, Morrison and David. Members are encouraged to vote and mail your ballots in immediately. Members must mark their ballot and place it in the addressed prepaid RETURN ENVELOPE and seal. Active and authorized members must sign the certification on the back of the return envelope or your ballot will not count. Ballots will be mailed directly to our certified public accountant that will then count and verify each ballot. The ballot must be postmarked no later than Thursday, January 7, 2021. If a ballot is not postmarked by this deadline, it will not be counted. To ensure that your vote is valid and counted, be sure to follow all of the instructions on your ballot.

Due to the cancellation of the Annual Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will announce the winner of the District 1 election on Monday, January 25, 2021.

The PC Electric board of directors are elected by members from the seven districts comprising the service area of PC Electric. Directors must be PC Electric members who reside in the district they represent.

The seven directors comprising the PC Electric Board are responsible for managing the business and affairs of the electric cooperative. They exercise all of the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the cooperative by-laws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

For more information, call PC Electric at 225-638-3751 or 1-800-738-7232.



Chris Settoon
District 7

Farmer's Casserole

Make a Flavorful Brunch Favorite

Plan ahead for your weekend brunch with this Farmer's Casserole. It packs a hearty combination of meat, cheese, eggs and a hint of spice from jalapenos.

You can prepare (Lucky Number: 917800) this recipe the night before and let it chill overnight for a ready-to-serve dish that just needs to be popped in the oven.

Cook time: 50-55 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup diced cooked ham, cooked breakfast sausage or Canadian-style bacon
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 jalapenos, seeded and chopped



Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F.

Coat 2-quart, square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange hash browns evenly in bottom of dish. Sprinkle cheese, ham and green onions over hash browns.

In bowl, combine eggs, milk, salt, pepper and jalapenos. Pour egg mixture over hash brown mixture in dish.

Bake, uncovered, 50-55 minutes, or until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



PC Electric Provides 2020 Educational Mini-Grants To Local Schools

Teachers whose schools are within a community served by PC Electric and whose students' homes or parents' businesses are served by the Cooperative are eligible for (Lucky Number: 1292205) educational grants under an educational program sponsored by the Co-op. "One of our seven cooperative principals is *Concern for Community*. Our youth and their education are a top priority of the Co-op." says Jill Copeland, Manager of Member Services and Communications.

PC Electric continues to be committed to their members and strive to improve the quality of life in the communities in which we serve.

To qualify for a donation, each adopted school submitted a written plan for an educational program that they would implement or expand. Only academic programs can qualify for one of these mini-grants.

Mini-grants were awarded to its adopted schools throughout Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes. The funds were presented to (Lucky Number: 1529500) the school principals and/or school representatives of the following schools:

- Crescent Elementary
- MSA West
- North Iberville
- STEM Academy
- Valverde Elementary
- Upper Pointe Coupee
- Rougon Elementary
- Livonia High School
- Catholic of Pointe Coupee
- False River Academy
- PC Adult Education
- Port Allen High School
- Cainview K-8
- Holy Family



Iberville Parish



Crescent Elementary



MSA West



North Iberville

Pointe Coupee Parish



STEM Academy



Valverde Elementary



Upper Pointe Coupee



Rougon Elementary



Livonia High School



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False River Academy



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Holy Family

For more information on any of our educational programs, visit our website at www.pcemc.org.

ENERGY SAVING TIP!

Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy. Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use (also known as phantom load).



Lucky Account Numbers

Look for your account number published in this issue, call PC Electric to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. The deadline to call to claim your credit is February 28, 2021. Your account number can be found on your billing statement.

GOOD LUCK!

2021 Annual Meeting Scholarship Drawing

PC Electric annually awards certificates and scholarships to three graduating high school seniors, one from each of our tri-parish service areas; Iberville Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish and West Baton Rouge Parish.

The scholarship recipients (Lucky Number: 2085202) are announced at the PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting . However, with the cancellation of the meeting, due to Covid-19, winners will be selected by a random drawing during a Facebook live on Wednesday, January 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM.

Winners will also be posted on our website and in our March/April issue of our Connections publication.

Good Luck to
all who entered!



Statement of Nondiscrimination:

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or by email at program.intake@usda.gov.