

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

MAY 2013

Wake Electric's Annual Meeting was a *Success!*

Wake Electric held its 2013 Annual Meeting on March 22, and it was a great success. More than 588 members, plus their guests, attended the meeting held in the Louisburg College Auditorium.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear reports on leveraging member equity to access the debt capital markets, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and how Wake Electric empowers its members with technology. Members also had the chance to ask senior management questions about Wake Electric.

Wake Electric also announced its plans to build a new office building in downtown Wake Forest. The 28,000 square-foot office building will be located on South Franklin Street, around the corner from Wake Electric's existing Wake Forest office. The new building will provide better customer facilities, with moderate construction costs at favorable long-term financing.

The new building also boasts plenty of disaster recovery space and a robust building design. The general contractor for the construction project will be Macallan Construction. The cooperative anticipates the building's grand opening to occur in the summer of 2014. The existing office in Wake Forest was built in the 1950s and lacks many basic design features needed by the cooperative today. Wake Electric is now leasing the existing building.

Three members re-elected during the business meeting to serve three-year terms on the Wake Electric Board of Directors were:



Top left: Charles S. Davis from Oxford, N.C., was the big cash prize drawing winner. He received \$1,000 at Wake Electric's 2013 annual meeting. He is pictured with Roy Ed Jones, president of the board of directors for Wake Electric, (district 6).

Top right: Jim Mangum, general manager and CEO of Wake Electric, addresses the 588 members, plus their guests, who attended the meeting.

Bottom: Rendering of Wake Electric's new building being constructed in Wake Forest.

- ★ For District 1:
Allen Nelson of Stovall
- ★ For District 4:
Joe Hilburn of Raleigh
- ★ For District 8:
Joe Eddins of Zebulon

Children attending the meeting with their parents and caregivers also had a great time participating in special activities planned for school-aged children. All of the activities were

provided by Crafts on Wheels and the children thoroughly enjoyed decorating sand art projects, painting flower pots and other plaster sculptures, as well as building wooden airplane models and playing with puzzles and games.

Members in attendance were entered into a drawing for cash prizes totaling \$5,000. The lucky winners are listed on page 22.

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ANNUAL MEETING PRIZE WINNERS

Name	City	Prize
Charles S. Davis	Oxford	\$1,000
Harriet Morton	Oxford	\$500
Mike Young	Louisburg	\$500
Clay Perdue	Louisburg	\$250
Jonathan C. Perry	Youngsville	\$250
Lenwood Spivey	Wake Forest	\$250
Gerry W. Liverman	Wake Forest	\$250
Roy and Georgia Williams	Oxford	\$100
Arminia M. Estes	Wake Forest	\$100
Barry and Sharon Schmeltzle	Bailey	\$100
Christine Wilson	Zebulon	\$100
Danette Cheatham	Wake Forest	\$100
Barbara Hunter	Oxford	\$100
Shirley D. Strickland	Louisburg	\$100
Macon Barham	Youngsville	\$100
Janet E. Lantz	Wake Forest	\$100
JoAnn Pendergrass	Kittrell	\$100
Nancy W. Woodlief	Creedmoor	\$100
L.L. Bartlett	Oxford	\$100
Barbara L. Nicholson	Louisburg	\$100
Robert E. Gorham	Creedmoor	\$100
James S. Royster	Oxford	\$100
Leroy Kearney	Kittrell	\$100
Cleo Eddins	Wake Forest	\$100
Henry Alston	Franklinton	\$100
William Landis	Creedmoor	\$100
Gaither Anderson	Stem	\$100

NOTE: Wake Electric has a policy that if we draw the registration card 1) of a church, business or civic organization, or 2) of an employee of Wake Electric who is also a member or 3) of a board of director of Wake Electric who is also a member, then we will grant that member a cash prize, but will draw again until a non-employee, residential account is drawn. When this occurs, more cash prizes are awarded than the number of cash prizes originally advertised. The winners falling into that category this year are: Incept Properties Inc. of Wake Forest (\$100-organization), Jones Brothers of Wake Forest (\$500-organization) and Roy Ed Jones of Wake Forest (\$100-board of director).

Teachers Can Apply Now For Two Grant Programs Sponsored By Wake Electric

The Classroom Technology Awards grant program is in full swing and area K–12 public school teachers, as well as community college teachers, can now apply for a grant of up to \$3,000. The grants, to be used during the 2013–2014 school year, will be awarded in any discipline or subject for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, please go to www.wemc.com/classawards.aspx.

Area K–12 public school teachers can also now apply for a Bright Ideas grant that awards up to \$3,000 for hands-on projects in any discipline. To apply or find out if your school is eligible, please visit www.ncbrightideas.com.



For more information on either grant program, please contact Darnell Alford, Business Operations Specialist, at (919) 863-6312 or (800) 474-6300 or e-mail her at Darnell.Alford@WEMC.com.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Properly installed shades can be one of the most effective ways to use your windows for energy efficiency. Lower shades during summer.



In winter, raise them during the day and lower them back at night on south-facing windows. Dual shades, with reflective white coating on one side and a heat-absorbing dark color on the other, can be reversed with the seasons and save you even more money. Learn more at EnergySavers.com.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



Memorial Day Holiday Closing

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day. For emergencies, please contact us at (919) 863-6300 or 1-800-474-6300.

Check cords, bulb wattages to help ensure home safety



All day long, we rely on electricity for almost everything from heating our breakfast to setting our alarm at night. Often, we forget that electricity can potentially be hazardous and that accidents can lead to costly damages, injuries and even death.

May is National Electrical Safety Month—please take a

few moments to read these helpful tips. Be sure to also check your home this month, as well as on an ongoing basis, for potential risks to you and your family.

- ★ When using appliances in the bathroom, such as hair dryers or curling irons, be sure that no water is near and that items are unplugged when not in use. Also ensure the outlets in your bathroom are equipped with a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), which monitors electricity flowing in a circuit and trips the circuit if there is an imbalance.
- ★ Unplug all kitchen appliances when not in use, such as the toaster and coffee maker, and store them in a safe and level place to prevent them from being knocked over.
- ★ When unplugging anything from an outlet, be sure to pull by the plug instead of the cord.
- ★ Put outlet covers on unused outlets to prevent curious children from trying to put fingers or other objects into the outlets.
- ★ Replace any electrical cords that are fraying or cracking and regularly check cords for damage.
- ★ Never overload an electrical outlet. Stressing the system can create a fire hazard.
- ★ When replacing light bulbs, check what wattage is needed on the label inside the light fixture or lamp. Additionally, be sure that lamps are sitting away from curtains or other materials that could easily catch fire and that they are placed on stable surfaces.

EVERY YEAR:

43,900 HOME ELECTRICAL FIRES OCCUR, CAUSING **498** DEATHS, AND **\$1,470,000,000** IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

May is National Electrical Safety Month and the electrical industry needs your help educating the community. Visit www.esfi.org for free electrical safety resources.



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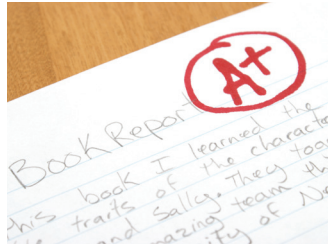
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Give Us an A Program Rewards \$25 Visa Gift Cards to High Achieving Students

Wake Electric recently awarded 40 \$25 Visa gift cards to area students who received at least one "A" (or its equivalent) on their report cards through the co-op's "Give Us an A" program. This program rewards academic achievement and Wake Electric encourages the winners to purchase a savings bond through www.treasurydirect.gov with their Visa gift card money. These awards are part of a drawing held three times a year.



Students in any grade in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply.

Funding for the "Give Us an A" program is made possible by Wake Electric members through the Operation RoundUp program. Members who sign up to participate in the Operation RoundUp program elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar. These pennies collectively add up to major dollars for community programs.

The most recent "Give Us an A" winners are listed to the right.

The next drawing deadline is Monday, May 20, by 5 p.m. Because each school district may have a different time for issuing report cards, if a student's entry misses one deadline, the entry will automatically be included in the next drawing.

To enter, students should include:

- ★ A copy of the report card with any "A"s highlighted
- ★ Parents' or guardians' names (if applicable)
- ★ Home address
- ★ Email address that is checked regularly
- ★ School attending
- ★ Telephone Number

For more information on Wake Electric's "Give Us an A" program, go to www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx.

Congratulations

to these "Give Us an A" winners!

STUDENT	SCHOOL
Joshua Blalock	Franklin Academy
Savannah Blalock	Franklin Academy
Justin Bullock	G.C. Hawley Middle School
Emily Deem	Heritage Middle School
Amanda Eddins	North Raleigh Christian Academy
Mikell Eddins	North Raleigh Christian Academy
Dante Evangelista	Franklin Academy
Devin Fussa	Heritage Middle School
Carolina Genest	Heritage Middle School
Kyndal Gunter	Franklin Academy
Benjamin Henry	Cedar Creek Middle
Aimee Heroux	Franklin Academy
Alec Heroux	Franklin Academy
Ashlynn Heroux	Franklin Academy
Tommy Hicks	Granville Early College High
Cameron Hill	Franklinton High
Devin Hoffman	Franklinton High School
Matthew Hoffman	Cedar Creek Middle
Taryn Hoffman	Franklinton High School
Edward Isabella	Franklinton High School
Louis Isabella III	Franklinton High School
Alexa Lamont	Louisburg High School
Caitlin Magaha	Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
Madison Magaha	Jones Dairy Elementary
Shane Majercik	Gorman Christian Academy
Bailey Metcalf	Leesville Road High School
Mallory Mormann	Franklin Academy
Amy Nguyen	North Ridge Elementary School
Ian Joseph Peck	Franklin Academy
Jake Pickens	Heritage Middle School
Wyatt Pickens	Heritage Middle School
Alyssa Roland	Franklin Academy
Emily Roland	Franklin Academy
Michael Roland	Forest Pines Elementary
Ashley Sajecki	Wake Forest-Rolesville High School
Tyler Sales	Heritage High School
Kelsey Selna	Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy
Krista Elaine Smith	North Raleigh Christian Academy
Melissa Stone	East Cary Middle School
Aliza Williams	Franklin Academy