



\$140,000 AVAILABLE TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

through Price Electric Cooperative's "Commitment to Community" Charitable Donation Program

PEC is proud to announce its new "Commitment to Community" charitable donation program! Thanks to Federated Youth Foundation funds, Price Electric will have the opportunity to distribute \$140,000 to local charitable causes—read on for more information and to find out how to apply for the funds!

What are the qualifications for eligibility?

Funds will be awarded to charitable organizations that benefit the communities in Price Electric's service area. Organizations that meet the Federated Youth Foundation's criteria (listed below) may apply. One request per organization will be accepted. The donation request should be for a specific project or current need.

Organizations that meet the following qualifications are eligible to apply for FYF funds:

- Which relieve the poor, distressed, or underprivileged persons.
- Which advance science.
- Which are to erect public buildings for public works, or for the preservation of historical buildings.
- Which lessen the burdens of government, and tend to reduce taxation, such as for libraries, fire departments, parks, museums, historical markers and monuments.
- Which are designed to promote social welfare through activities of established agencies or organizations working toward the:
 - (1) elimination of prejudice or discrimination;
 - (2) defense of human or civil rights;
 - (3) combating of community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
- Which are for the cure, or treatment of disease or for the promotion and preservation of health
- Which are for the armed services, for the rehabilitation of persons who have been in the armed services, or to assist disabled veterans or to care for them.
- Which are for the promotion of the welfare of the agricultural population, improvement of the conditions of rural life, or the solution of agricultural problems.

Where does the money for the donations come from?

Federated Youth Foundation funds come from returned capital credits that have gone unclaimed or have been donated to the Foundation by members. These funds can NOT be used by PEC for operational or capital expenditures and are used exclusively for scholarship and charitable donations that meet eligibility requirements set forth by the Foundation.

How can organizations apply for these funds?

Interested organizations may apply for funds by completing an application form (available at the PEC office or at www.price-electric.com).

Who makes the selections?

An impartial three-person committee of PEC members (one from Districts 1–3, one from Districts 4–6, and one from Districts 7–9) will review the applications and provide recommendations to the board of directors as to which organizations should receive funds. The board of directors will review and approve the applications based on the committee's recommendations. The requests will then be submitted to the Federated Youth Foundation, which will verify that all eligibility requirements have been met and release the funds.

When does the program start and how long will it last?

Applications will be available immediately and will be approved on a rolling basis until funds are depleted.

PEC values our local communities and is excited to have this opportunity to give back, putting into practice Cooperative Principle #7: Concern For Community!



Price Electric holds ANNUAL MEETING

237 members and guests were in attendance for the 77th Price Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members held on June 8, 2017, at Phillips High School. Outside the school, members were greeted by PEC apprentice linemen, who had a variety of tools and two trucks on display. The Touchstone Energy balloon added a festive touch to the occasion.

Inside, members had the opportunity to speak with representatives from GroSolar and CMS Enterprises regarding the solar installation at the Crane Chase Substation, turned in batteries for recycling, picked up attendance gifts and PEC Annual Report booklets, and enjoyed a dinner of chicken and meatballs catered by Phillips Café. State Senator Janet Bewley was also on hand to greet constituents from PEC's service area.

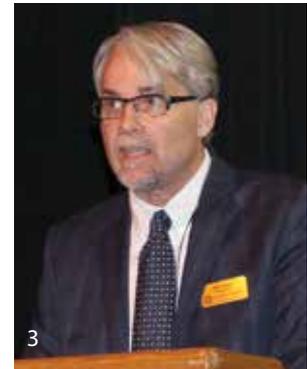
This year, elections were held for directors for Districts 7, 8, and 9. Members re-elected District 7 Director Michael Atkinson, District 8 Director Gerald Luke, and District 9 Director Francis Gwinn to three-year terms.



Price Electric Cooperative CEO Bill Caynor's report to the membership touched on several items of interest to the members, including updates on the Clean Power Plan and renewable energy generation statistics, a brief update on the Flambeau solar array, technology advances that have transformed how PEC crews get work done, the completion of AMI meter deployment across PEC's system, reliability statistics, and PEC safety accomplishments. Caynor also remarked on PEC's 2016 energy sales, as well as electric sales in the United States as a

whole. In 2016, the sale of electricity dropped nationwide, as well as at PEC. This is attributed to mild weather combined with state and federal energy efficiency policies, including LED lighting and Energy Star appliances. Price Electric's average customer usage also tends to be lower than state and nationwide averages. These were factors that contributed to the need for the recent PEC cost-of-service study and rate change.

PEC employees Tom Valiga and Jesse Heinz were recognized for service milestones. Valiga was presented with a



1. Sen. Janet Bewley visits with PEC Apprentice Lineman Chris Burnis. 2. District 5 Director Mike Zierer & Board Chair District 3 Director Ed Hainy. 3. Price Electric CEO Bill Caynor delivers remarks during the meeting. 4. Jesse Heinz was recognized for his promotion to journeyman lineman status. 5. Crew Foreman Tom Valiga discusses safety equipment with members.





Jim and Brenda Kronberger (center) were the grand prize winners of an LED TV.

40 Year Service Award, and Heinz was commended for his promotion to journeyman lineman status.

District 7 Director Mike Atkinson presented information on PEC's new "Commitment to Community" program, which will distribute \$140,000

to local community organizations via Federated Youth Foundation funds. Please see page 15 for more information on this exciting initiative.

Linda Powers of River Valley Architects Inc. gave a presentation on the new Price Electric Member Service Center. Construction is expected to begin in late summer of 2017, with building occupancy slated for early summer 2018.

Members voted to approve the bylaw amendments as printed in the June 2017 issue of *Wisconsin Electric Cooperative News*.

Throughout the evening, members were eligible to win door prize drawings. The winner of the grand prize, a flat-screen LED TV, was Brenda Kronberger of Park Falls. Price Electric Cooperative would like to thank everyone who attended this year's meeting and participated in Cooperative Principle #2: Democratic Member Control. Make plans to join PEC for the 2018 Annual Meeting!

BIDS ON WORK FOR NEW PEC HEADQUARTERS ACCEPTED

Hoeft Builders Inc. invites all local contractors interested in bidding work on Price Electric Cooperative's new 38,000 sq. ft. office and vehicle storage building.

BIDS DUE TO HOEFT BUILDERS August 15, 2017, at 2 p.m.

Plans available on July 25, 2017.

- A hard copy of plans is viewable at Price Electric Cooperative, 508 N Lake Ave., Phillips, WI 54555
- An electronic copy of plans is available by contacting Hoeft Builders at 715-833-1761

Important Outage Information

If you have an outage,
please call 715-339-2155
or 800-884-0881.



When your power is out:

1. Check to see if electricity is off over your entire premises.
2. Check to see if there is power to your meter by physically walking out to your meter(s). If no numbers are displayed on your digital meter, then your power is out and you need to contact Price Electric Cooperative. If numbers are visible on the display screen, it is not a Price Electric outage; there is power to the meter and the problem is within the consumer's electrical wiring. An electrician will need to be contacted to fix any problems on the consumer's side of the service.
3. If you have a circuit breaker system, check that the breaker is not tripped. Push handle to "Off" position before flipping it to the "Reset" position. Be sure to check all breakers wherever they are located.
4. Check if fuses are blown and that they are secured in the holder.
5. Check with your neighbors to see if they have electricity. Knowing the extent of the outage will help find the reason faster.
6. The cooperative is allowed to perform service up to the meter. Any wires from the meter to your buildings belong to you and their repair is your responsibility. In most instances when the damage is to your wires, it is best to contact an electrician in your area.
7. When you've determined the outage is not on your wires, call Price Electric and give the following information:
 - Your name and the name of the person who is receiving service at the location. (Often we receive a call from someone other than the person whose name is the service is in and it is more difficult for us to locate the outage.)
 - The property address at your location.
 - Cause of the outage, if known. This will assist the crews in locating the problem and restoring the electricity.

To report outages, call 715-339-2155 or 800-884-0881 (Answered 24 hours per day, seven days a week).

Please note: A fee will be assessed if a crew is dispatched to the service site and the outage is found to be a consumer electrical wiring problem.



Price Electric Puzzler

How closely are you reading your issue of *WEC News*? Each month, we will present a question whose answer can be found in the issue. Return the answer, and you could receive a \$25 bill credit!

Please drop off or mail your answer to Price Electric or email your answer to info@price-electric.com. A winner will be drawn from all correct entries on July 31.

The winners of the May PEC Puzzler were Dan & Jean Lind.

What is the total amount of funds that PEC will distribute to local charitable organizations through the new "Commitment to Community" donation program?

Answer

Name

Account Number

Phone

Please return to Price Electric Cooperative,
508 N. Lake Ave., P.O. Box 110, Phillips, WI, 54555

2017 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

Introducing Price Electric's 2017 member photo contest! Members are invited to submit photos for inclusion in our 2018 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.



Photo Contest Criteria:

- Photos must be taken within the Price Electric Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in northern Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.).
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Photos must be high resolution—at least 300 dpi and 8"x10".

Photo Contest Rules and Details:

- Photos must be submitted by July 31, 2017.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted.
- All PEC members 18 years and up are eligible to submit photos.
- A PEC member under 18 is eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photo.
- Member must own rights to photo.
- PEC employees will determine the winning photos.

Photo Contest Entry Options:

- Email: info@price-electric.com
- Mail: P.O. Box 110, Phillips, WI 54555
- Drop Off: Price Electric Cooperative Office—508 N Lake Avenue, Phillips

Entry forms and photo release forms can be downloaded from PEC's website at www.price-electric.com, picked up at the PEC office, or emailed upon request.

REBATE UPDATE

So far in 2017, PEC members have received **\$2,866** in energy efficiency rebates from Price Electric and Dairyland Power Cooperative, and **\$7,647** in incentives and savings from Focus on Energy initiatives. Please contact Price Electric or visit www.price-electric.com for more information on how you can take advantage of energy efficiency incentives available for PEC members!



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