The Lamplighter

TEXAS RURAL ELECTRIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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The objective of the Texas Rural Electric Women's Association •is to educate and create interest and understanding of the rural electric systems among the members and general public. TREWA members work to present a unified front for the member-owned systems as they improve the quality of life in rural Texas.



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2011 TREWA Scholarship Report

TREWA is proud to continue its support for the future leaders of our electric cooperative family through the TREWA Scholarship Program. This year 15 scholarships at \$1,500 each, over an \$8,000 increase from years past, will be awarded.

The scholarship eligibility requirements are listed below or can be found online with the 2011 scholarship application at www.trewa.org.

We extend our congratulations to the 2010 scholarship winners and a big thank you to all that applied!



TREWA Scholarship Eligibility

- 1. <u>Fifteen (15) TREWA scholarships</u> of \$1,500 each will be awarded to CURRENT TREWA members and their children. The applicant or applicant's parent or guardian must also be a current member or an employee of a Texas electric cooperative or an employee of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- 2. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.
- 3. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors, full-time college students, or adults, who have been accepted as a full-time student to attend any accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school, or business school of their choice.
- 4. Courses must be taken in credit towards a degree, certificate, diploma or license and awarded by the educational institution.
- 5. Judging is based on leadership qualities, career focus, personal need, energy awareness, essay content and general knowledge of the rural electric program.
- 6. The selection process will include, but not be limited to, (1) TREWA scholarship application, (2) three letters of recommendation, (3) a current photo (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, April 1 to be judged.
- 7. Half of the amount of each award will be made at the beginning of the first term or semester, and the second half will be paid at the beginning of the second term or semester. In order for the scholarship payment to be issued, the student must submit to TREWA proof of enrollment and proof of full-time student status from the registrar's office for the current semester. Scholarship payments will be sent to the school the student will be attending and will be payable to the school. The Scholarship MUST be used the first semester following the awarding of the scholarships.
- 8. Should recipients choose not to continue his/her education for any reason, the recipient should notify TREWA, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester.
- 9. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.
- 10. Applications may be obtained at www.trewa.org or by writing: Nan Glaze, TREWA Scholarship Chairman, Cherokee County EC, P. O. Box 257, Rusk, TX 75785 or nang@cceca.net or calling Nan at 1-800-992-4280 ext. 239.

Presidents Message by Kathy Boone



I can't believe it's 2011, and it's been about six months since we were in San Antonio at the TEC Annual Meeting. At that time, the TREWA ladies were busy selling raffle tickets, chances for the Visa Gift cards, arts and crafts, and obtaining signatures for the silent auction items. We were able to raise \$38,219.50 (\$7,722.00 over 2009)! Wish I could take credit, but I must give credit where credit is due - to our 2010 TREWA Board of

Directors - Tracy Chandler, Nan Glaze, Janell Hubbard, Debbie Wright, Rickie Warren, Denise Stewart, Patricia Briscoe, and Linda Key. Also, a special thanks to my partners in crime - Karen Culpepper, Mary Matsler, Janet Blomquist and Esther Miranda Dominquez. Words cannot express my gratitude for a job well done.

Our three day meeting was a HUGE SUCCESS, and we could not have done it without the very generous support of the following groups. Our cooperatives and G&Ts who support TREWA: Bartlett, Big Country, Bluebonnet, Bowie-Cass, Brazos, Central Texas, Cherokee County, Cooke County, CoServ, Fannin County, Farmers, Fort Belknap, Grayson-Collin, Golden Spread, Guadalupe Valley, Hamilton County, Houston County, J-A-C, Karnes, Lamb County Magic Valley, Medina, Navarro County, Northeast Texas, North Plains, Rayburn County, Rita Blanca, Sam Houston, San Bernard, San Miguel, Swisher, Tri-County, Trinity Valley, United, Wise and CFC.

Our VISA Card donors: Techline Inc.; CoBank; Scarbrough, Medlin & Associates; Cox, Smith & Matthews Law Firm; TEC Government Relations; Enervision; Brickfield Burchett Rifts & Stone; TEC US&S; and Insurance Network of America.

Sponsors of our "Spouses Program Luncheon": Neil Hesse of Cooke County EC, Charlie Faulds of TEC Treating Division, Gregory Henley of Lyntegar EC and Adam Adams of Altec Industries, Inc. The food was great and the speaker - hilarious! Silent auction items: "Aggie" Edd Hargett, "Longhorn" Monica Beavers of TEC Member Services, and "Red Raider" Lynn Simmons for their donated "UNIVERSITY" items. Linda McCaskill also donated her "buttons & antique pins" collage. The

Last, but not least, our thanks to all who donated arts and crafts items. We appreciate your talent and the TLC that goes into each item.

bidding heated up on Wednesday morning for the silent auction

items and we are very grateful for everyone who donated an item,

and also to you "bidders" for showing your support to TREWA.

Because of your donations, TREWA increased our donation to \$15,000 to Rural Friends/ACRE, and we also increased our scholarships to \$1,500 for 15 deserving TREWA members and/or their children. In addition TREWA will continue to provide three T-shirts for the Government-In-Action Youth Tour.

Our success depends upon each member of TREWA. We are looking forward to seeing you in August at Austin! God bless you and your co-op!

Winners from the 2010 TEC Annual Meeting

Raffle Items

Group 1 Jonell McMahan of Hamilton County EC \$500 Gas Card
Group 2 Martin Garcia of Magic Valley EC Flat Screen TV
Group 3 Jerry Roberts of Deaf Smith EC iPad w/Carrying Case
Group 4 Helen Bragg of Coleman County EC Shotgun
Group 5 Carol Moczygemba of TEC \$500 Travel Voucher

Group 6 Jim Taylor of Greenbelt EC Group 7 Dorthy Henke of Fayette EC Visa Gift Cards

Jerry Boze of Trinity Valley EC Billy Marricle of San Bernard EC Steve Harris of Tri-County EC RD Whittner of Rusk County EC Rayce Cantwell of Wise EC

Gary Raybon of Wharton County EC



Message from Past President Tracy Chandler

Cabelas Gift Card

\$501 Cash

Each year TREWA awards an Honorary Membership to someone who exemplifies what TREWA is all about and the recipient for 2010 was Mrs. Kathy Boone with Cooke County EC. How lucky for TREWA that Kathy is serving as the current president! Her daughter Amy won a TREWA scholarship in 2006 and since then Kathy and her family have been "paying it forward" by being huge supporters and advocates for TREWA. Kathy is an amazing person and we are truly blessed to have her leading the organization. I know she will continue to help TREWA grow and be a wonderful leader. I am proud to work side by side with Kathy and even prouder to call her my friend. I am looking forward to an even better year in 2011 for TREWA!

TREWA Membership Report by Debbie Wright

The TREWA Board of Directors would like to thank you for your continued support that is given to this organization. TREWA membership is open to the men and women of the Texas rural electric cooperatives. We currently have over 480 members. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to light the Lamp of Knowledge for the future.

The TREWA organization works on behalf of their rural electric systems to help further consumer and community understanding of the rural electric cooperatives. Membership has its privileges. TREWA members and their children are eligible to apply for the TREWA scholarships. This year, 15 scholarships in the

amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded. The membership dues also enable TREWA to make a donation to Rural Friends/ACRE and sponsor T-shirts for the Government-In-Action Youth Tour. Members also receive a subscription of the Lamplighter which is published twice a year.

Membership dues are \$10 per person each year. TREWA membership runs from August 1st to July 31st. Once again, TREWA is offering memberships at \$5.00 each to cooperatives that enroll 100 percent of their directors, directors' spouses, and employees (or spouse of employees).

TREWA membership forms are available online at www.trewa.org

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Pictured from left to right: Linda Dunlap, Janell Hubbard, Debbie Wright, Nan Glaze, Kathy Boone, Rickie Warren, Tracy Chandler, and Christine Jouett.

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Arts & Crafts Sale

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TREWA's Arts and Crafts Sale and Silent Auction was a huge success at the 2010 TEC Annual Meeting. To make this year's sale even better, we need your help. Let us show off your talent at this year's sale by donating a craft item. All proceeds help provide scholarships as well as support Rural Friends/ACRE.

To make a donation fill out the form below and mail to Bailey County EC Attn: Mrs. Rickie Warren, P.O. Box 1013, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

YES! I'll donate a hand-crafted item to TREWA! Name:_______Address:______ City:______ST:___Zip:_____ Item donated:______ Value Amount:_____ If you are not able to attend the TEC Annual Meeting in August and would like to donate a crafted item, please designate someone to bring your item for you. Name:______ Return Form to:

to start thinking about making those arts and crafts items for our annual meeting in Austin!