

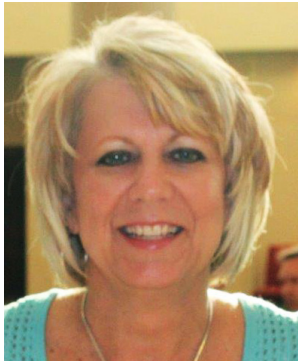


The Lamplighter



TEXAS RURAL ELECTRIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Karen Culpepper
President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 1907, history was made when The Fairmont San Francisco opened its doors. This iconic hotel soon became the city's venue of choice for glittering balls, presidential visits and political gatherings, making the name Fairmont synonymous with "place of occasion". With this auspicious beginning, the Fairmont Hotels and Resorts brand was born. In 1932 Franklin D Roosevelt worked with Congress to establish the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), with this auspicious beginning brought about the start of cooperatives.

Soon, TREWA will once again gather in Austin at the Fairmont Austin for our annual membership meeting and fundraising events. As the Fairmont brand has grown into locations nationwide, our cooperatives have grown as well.

The needs of our cooperative members have also changed over the years. We strive to support our Rural Friends/Acre organization as they are the link between the members and their governmental representatives keeping a watchful eye over all matters that relate to cooperatives. We also value the importance of continuing education and continue to raise funds to provide scholarships to our members. The youth of today will be our leaders tomorrow and TREWA supports the Government-In-Action program also known as Youth Tour to Washington D.C... We appreciate your support

by becoming a member of TREWA. As a member you receive the Lamplighter. The Lamplighter is our tool to continue to provide valuable information about cooperatives, our programs and opportunities for you as members to participate in our fundraising efforts to support these worthwhile causes. We will once again embark on our fundraising efforts at the Fairmont Austin "our place of occasion," August 4-7, 2019.



We welcome any donations to our silent auction and arts and crafts sales. These sales help in raising the funds to support our three causes. You will find information in the Lamplighter to direct you in donating if you wish. Rural Electrification will never be forgotten as long as we continue to shine our light.

Cooperative History Series

As late as the mid-1930s, nine out of 10 rural homes were without electric service. The farmer milked his cows by hand in the dim light of a kerosene lantern. Women prepared meals on wood ranges and used washboards to clean clothes. By 1953, more than 90 percent of the U.S. farms had electricity. The day to day lifestyles changed as homes acquired electrical appliances. Now that rural homes had electricity, what could they do with it? Rural communities used coal or wood for cooking and heating. The electric toaster, electric refrigerator, electric iron, and fans were soon found in rural homes across the U.S. National appliance brands began to emerge like Bissell, Black & Decker, Carrier, Electrolux, Eveready, Frigidaire, General Electric, Hamilton Beach, Hoover, Hotpoint, Kelvinator, KitchenAid, Maytag, Proctor-Silex, Schick, Singer, Sunbeam, Tappan, West Bend and Westinghouse.

In its attempt to encourage American households to use more electrical appliances, General Electric equated the high physical price of a woman's labor to the relatively

inexpensive cost of their products. Rather than spend a few cents an hour to use a modern device, they said, a woman spent years of her life instead. It may have been an effective advertising campaign, as the sale of GE appliances soared in the late 1920s.

The power tool was one of the few modern electrical devices marketed almost exclusively to the adult male. While the woman was expected to clean the family home, it was the man who had the responsibility for keeping it in good repair. It was also expected that the man of the house would, when time allowed, build cupboards, furnishings and other items for the home. Black & Decker, Milwaukee Electric Tool Co., and Bosch offered many products to create new era of productivity.

As time has progressed the top household appliance brands in 2017 were Haier, LG, Samsung and Whirlpool. The top power tool brands were Makita, DeWald, Milwaukee and Bosch.

General Electric introduces P-7, the oven that cleans itself electrically



1947 "Radarange" was the first commercial microwave. It weighed nearly 750 pounds and cost more than \$2,000. (Right)

1963 GE introduces the self-cleaning oven and in 1967 the first electronic oven control. (Left)



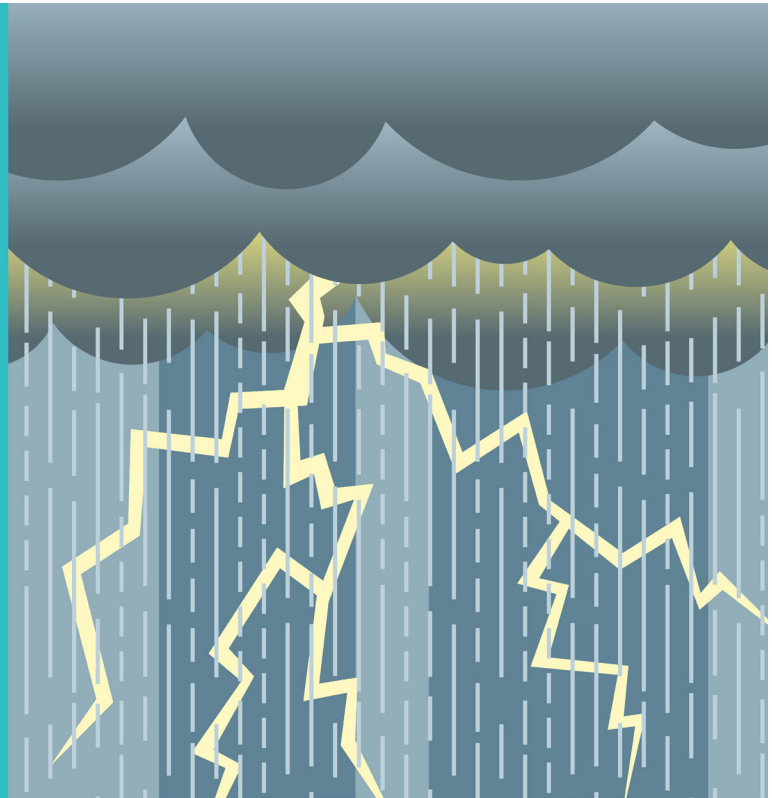
Storm Safety

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Seek shelter indoors or in a hard-topped vehicle. If you can't get to shelter:

- avoid open fields and hilltops.
- stay away from tall, isolated trees and objects.
- spread out (if you're in a group).

#StormSafety



Summer Storm Safety Tip

Strong summer storms can create dangerous situations. Always avoid downed power lines - the wire could be live, which could be deadly for those nearby. Quickly report downed power lines to your local electric cooperative.



Energy Efficiency

SPRING ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

OPEN WINDOWS

at night to cool your home without switching on air conditioners.

USE SUNLIGHT

to brighten your home during daylight hours instead of using artificial lights.

GRILL OUTSIDE

on warmer spring days to keep the heat out of your home.

CLEAN OUT YOUR REFRIGERATOR

by removing unneeded food to allow air to circulate. Clear dust from the coils behind your fridge to reduce energy consumption.

CHANGE DIRECTION OF YOUR CEILING FAN

so it rotates counterclockwise and creates a cool breeze. If you feel airflow when standing directly under the fan, it's working.

TURN DOWN YOUR WATER HEATER

to the warm setting (120°F) and save money on your bill.

GIVE YOUR AC A TUNEUP

by scheduling an inspection, cleaning coils and replacing filters.

SEAL AIR LEAKS

using low-cost caulk or weather stripping to keep warm air from seeping in.



May - Electrical Safety Month

May 12th - Mother's Day

May 27th - Memorial Day



Rural Friends
ACRE

Rural friends/ACRE supports legislators who have not only demonstrated an understanding of the unique role electric cooperatives have played in the development of rural communities, but who have also been recognized for their communities to represent the rural interests of electric cooperatives and their members.

Rural Friends/ACRE was formed with the mission of making the voice of electric co-op consumers heard in the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives is the nonpartisan political action committee that supports candidates seeking election to the Texas Legislature. It operates under a set of bylaws and the policies of a board of directors composed of electric co-op leaders elected from around the state. ACRE - the Action Committee for Rural Electrification - supports candidates for the U.S. Congress. Rural Friends and ACRE are subject to all state and federal campaign finance laws and reporting requirements.

Membership is strictly voluntary and consists of persons who have an interest in preserving and defending our local electric co-ops. Rural Friends/ACRE raises personal, voluntary contributions from supporters who care about our co-ops and the communities we serve.

Contributions go to candidates for state and federal office who have demonstrated support for electric co-op goals, who share co-op values and who want electric co-ops to be successful. Support is based on voting records on legislation affecting electric co-ops, statements on co-op issues, and historical stances on those issues.

Joining is Easy. Simply fill out and mail the form below along with your check to add your voice to those electric co-op leaders who are "making a difference" for electric co-ops in Austin and Washington, D. C.

Rural Friends/ACRE Membership Form

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Cooperative: _____ E-mail address: _____

I am a cooperative: Director Manager Employee Attorney Other _____

Are you a member of an electric cooperative? Yes No

Select yearly membership: \$25 \$50 \$100 Century Club \$150 Century Club Plus \$500 President's Club

Enclosed are my membership dues in the amount of \$ _____.

Please payroll deduct my dues. (If offered by your cooperative.)

Please add my dues to my monthly electric bill. (If offered by your cooperative.)

Signature

Date

Contributions to Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives (Rural Friends) and the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE) are not tax deductible. Contributions to Rural Friends and ACRE are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Any contribution guidelines presented are merely suggestions. You are free to contribute more or less than the suggested amounts, or not at all. No one will be favored or disadvantaged by reason of the amount contributed or a decision not to contribute.

Please remit to: **Rural Friends, 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor, Austin, TX 78701.**

2019 TEC/TREWA Annual Meeting Silent Auction & Craft Donation Form

YES! I will donate a Craft/Art Item

Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Item Donated _____

Item Value _____

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please designate someone to bring your item for you. _____

To send a craft item or make a donation to TREWA, please mail it to Bobbi Byford, Trinity Valley EC, P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142. You can also give your craft or silent auction item to any TREWA board member. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Your donated items help provide funds for TREWA scholarships and donations to Rural Friends/ACRE.



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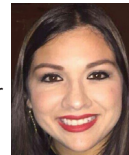
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"The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters."

- Audrey Hepburn

TREWA MEMBERSHIP

Current memberships expire July 31, 2019.

TREWA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership valid August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019.

Membership: Renewal New Member

Membership Fees

Please check the appropriate dues assessments:

\$10 (1 year) \$20 (2 years)

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Email _____

Cooperative (spell out) _____

Relationship to cooperative:

Employee Director Member
 Spouse of Employee Spouse of Director Other

Return to:

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The TREWA Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support of this organization.

TREWA membership is open to men and women of rural electric cooperatives. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to light the lamp of knowledge for the future.

Membership has its privileges. The children of TREWA members are eligible to apply for scholarships sponsored by TREWA. Members also receive an edition of The Lamplighter, which is sent twice a year via email.

Regular membership price is \$10 per year and, to date, we have almost 1,000 members. Once again, TREWA is offering membership at \$5 per person to cooperatives that enroll 100 percent of their directors, directors' spouses and employees (or spouse of an employee). We would like to acknowledge and thank the cooperatives that currently have 100 percent membership:

- CoServ Electric, Group 3
- Heart of Texas EC, Group 2
- North Plains EC, Group 5
- Tri-County EC, Group 3

Renew your membership today by completing and returning the form at right. TREWA membership forms are also available at trewa.org.