

The Lamplighter

TEXAS RURAL ELECTRIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JULY 2013

Congratulations To Our Scholarship Winners!



McKenna Booth
Keller
Tri County EC



Leah Curren
Girard
South Plains EC



Kaitlyn Deaton
Paducah
South Plains EC



Kara Marie Demmitt
Bridgeport
Wise EC



Brooke Estes
Sylvester
Big Country EC



Courtney Freeman
Lovelady
Houston County EC



Tiffney Goldsmith
Saltillo
Farmers EC



Kaitlin Hesse
Muenster
Cooke County EC



Gregory Hewett
Lubbock
South Plains EC



Emily Nance
Blue Ridge
Fannin County EC



Madeline Peña
Decatur
Wise EC



Kylie Ruthven
Paducah
South Plains EC



Maddi Stuart
Follett
North Plains EC



Mikala Whitaker
College Station
Lamb County EC



Stefanie Wolf
Byers
J-A-C EC

President's Message

Annual Meeting Just Around the Corner



Rickie Warren, President

Dear TREWA Members:

I can't believe it's time again to prepare for the TEC Annual Meeting at which time TREWA will again have our Membership, Arts and Crafts, and Raffle booths. We will also hold TREWA's annual membership meeting as part of the activities.

We invite and encourage everyone to contribute to our arts and crafts booth to help us achieve our most successful year of fundraising ever. All the ladies like to stop by our booths to look at all we have to offer, so let's make sure there are lots of beautiful items for them to see—and buy!

The proceeds from our booths go to the TREWA Youth Scholarship Fund, T-shirts for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour and the political advocacy effort, Rural Friends/ACRE. I'm so proud of each and every one of you who participate and are members of TREWA.

TREWA recently awarded 15 \$1,500 scholarships to youth throughout the state (see Page 1 for the winners). This year we had 88 applicants, compared to 46 applicants last year. As you can imagine, the judges had a difficult time selecting only 15 recipients. (If you applied and weren't chosen this year, be sure to apply again next year.) The TREWA board thanks each and every one of our members for your support—without your support we would not be able to award these scholarships and help our youth.

Our membership meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, at 9:30 a.m. The program this year is entitled *Getting Organized Demystified: Seven Simple Strategies for Success* and will be presented by Barry Izsak. He will show us all how to be organized and promises we'll all be surprised how easy it can be. We encourage you to attend, renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Light refreshments will be served. And, don't forget all of the exciting door prizes to be given away.

We hope to see you in August at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Come prepared to have a fun time.

Spouse and Family Activities at the 2013 TEC Annual Meeting

Monday-Wednesday, August 5-7

- Visit and support TREWA arts and crafts booth, TREWA raffle booth and TEC exhibits
- Take in the sights and sounds of Austin

Tuesday, August 6

- 7:00 a.m. **TEC Membership Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m.-
4:30 p.m. **Quilt Show**
Enjoy a special exhibit from the Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange.
- 9:30 a.m. **TREWA Membership Meeting and Spouse Program**
Getting Organized Demystified: Seven Simple Strategies for Success Presented by Barry Izsak

10:30 a.m.

Singing Cowboy

Noon

Rural Friends/ACRE Membership Luncheon

3:15 p.m.

Touchstone Energy 15th Anniversary Cake and Singing Cowboy

6:30 p.m.

Reception, Dinner and Entertainment
TEC Community Fair with music, dancing, midway games and prizes

Wednesday, August 7

11:00 a.m.

Painting with a Purpose

Stephen Fishwick
Be inspired and amazed as you watch paintings come to life in six minutes.

Time To Renew Your TREWA Membership

Memberships expire July 31, 2013

Now is the time to renew your TREWA membership. And, as always we welcome new members. TREWA dues help support scholarships, political advocacy efforts and the T-shirts for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Your membership also renews your subscription to The Lamplighter newsletter that keeps you up-to-date on TREWA activities.

There are three ways you can renew your membership:

- 1) Fill out the form at right and return it to the address listed.
- 2) Stop by and see us at the TREWA Membership Booth at the TEC Annual Meeting in August.
- 3) Download the form at www.trewa.org, complete and return as indicated.

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 the scholarships that are sponsored by TREWA. Members also receive an edition of The Lamplighter, which is sent twice a year via email.

Membership is only \$10 per year.
Renew your membership today!

TREWA Membership Form

Membership valid August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

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

Mail: TREWA
 Christine Jouett, Membership Chair
 San Bernard EC
 P.O. Box 1208
 Bellville, TX 77418

Email: cjouett@sbec.org

Fax: (979) 865-9706

We Need Your Help!

Arts and crafts and silent auction items needed for this year's fundraising event

TREWA's Arts and Crafts Sale and Silent Auction are important elements of our fundraising efforts. And your donations are the key to their success.

Please consider providing arts and crafts items or an item that will have the members scrambling to bid on it during the silent auction. The proceeds continue to fund scholarships each year and also support Rural Friends/ACRE.

To send a craft item or make a donation to TREWA, please mail 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.

Please complete the form at right and send to Bobbi Byford, Trinity Valley EC, P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142, or email bobbi@tvec.coop with donation information.



YES! I will donate a handcrafted item to TREWA for the 2013 Arts and Crafts Sale.

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Item donated _____

Value amount _____

If you are unable to attend the TEC Annual Meeting and would like to donate an item, please designate someone to bring your item for you:

Name _____

2012-13 TREWA Board of Directors

Group 1
Lynne Erickson

Scholarship Chair
Houston County EC
(936) 852-7224
lynne@houstoncountyelec.com



Group 2
Dee Dee Lauterbach

Historian
Heart of Texas EC
1-800-840-2957
deedee@hotec.coop



Group 3
Bobbi Byford

Arts and Crafts
Trinity Valley EC
(469) 261-9876
bobbi@tvec.coop



Group 4
Donna Brnovak

Taylor EC
(325) 793-8500
donna@taylorelectric.com



Group 5
Rickie Warren

President/Lamplighter
Bailey County EC
(806) 272-4504
rwarren@bcecoop.com



Group 6
Christine Jouett

Vice President/
Membership Chair
San Bernard EC
(979) 865-3171
cjouett@sbec.org



Group 7
Linda Dunlap

Raffle
San Patricio EC
(361) 364-2220, ext. 112
ldunlap@sanpatricioelectric.org



Tracy Chandler

Immediate
Past President
Grayson-Collin EC
(903) 482-7158
tracy.chandler@grayson-collin.coop



The Texas Rural Electric Women's Association helps improve life in rural Texas by supporting education and fostering a unified understanding of electric cooperatives and the communities they power.

Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor • Austin, TX 78701