Kilowatt
February 2018
80th Annual Meeting
March 29
President’s Report

Join us March 29 for our 80th Annual Meeting

It’s my privilege as president of Clay Electric’s Board of Trustees to present to you our Annual Meeting issue of the Kilowatt. In this issue, you’ll find the Official Notice of Annual Meeting. This year we celebrate our 80th anniversary as a co-op serving our members.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, consider requesting a mail ballot. Please see below for details about how to request a ballot.

From a financial standpoint, Clay Electric remained strong during 2017. We returned $8 million in Capital Credits last year, and this year we are returning a record $12 million. Look on your bill next month to see your refund amount. Our ability to return Capital Credits is a good indicator of the sound financial health of your cooperative. Capital Credits are a distinct benefit of being served by an electric cooperative.

Our Annual Meeting is Thursday, March 29 in Keystone Heights, and I encourage you to attend.

As a member of the cooperative, this is one of the most important events you can attend, and it is your opportunity to elect three members to the board of trustees.

After district meetings earlier this year, the candidates for trustee are incumbent Susan Reeves for District 3; incumbent Dewitt Hersey for District 5; and incumbent John Henry Whitehead for District 7.

If you cannot attend our Annual Meeting, you can still cast a ballot. Please see below for instructions about how to vote by mail. We have a separate drawing for bill credits for members who vote by mail.

For those attending in person, there are many activities planned for the Annual Meeting. The musical entertainment will be provided by Back From the Brink, a bluegrass group from Jacksonville.

We’ll also serve a chicken lunch on the grounds at noon, plus there will be energy-related exhibits and the popular health screenings. Many door prizes will be given away to lucky ticket holders. This year’s grand prize is a white 2006 Chevy Colorado pickup.

In conclusion, all of us at Clay Electric appreciate the support you’ve shown us over the years. You can count on us to do our best to provide you with competitive electric rates and excellent service in the future.

Can’t make it to the Annual Meeting? Vote by mail

How do I request a ballot?
To request a mail ballot, you will need to provide your account number that is associated with your membership. This account number begins with an asterisk (*) and can be found on your electric bill statement. Request a ballot by either:
- Calling 1-800-239-2385 toll-free, or
- Emailing clayelectric@clayelections.com and providing the name and account number.

When can I request a mail ballot?
- The last day to request a mail ballot is March 20.
- Ballots must be received by March 26.

- Ballots will only be mailed to the member’s billing address. There will be no exceptions.

Prize Drawings
All members who vote by mail ballot will be placed in a separate prize drawing contest to win one of 10 bill credits. One prize will be a $1,200 bill credit, one will be a $600 bill credit, one will be a $250 credit and seven bill credits of $80 will be awarded. Winners will be notified within two weeks of the Annual Meeting.
Youth tour winners

Four high school juniors have been selected to go to Washington, D.C. in June as winners of Clay Electric’s 2018 Youth Tour to Washington contest. The four winners of the 2018 Youth Tour to Washington contest are Karsyn Starling of Keystone Heights HS; Jack Schoen of Clay HS in Green Cove Springs; Marion Hagstrom of Taylor HS in Pierson; and Timber Underhill of Union County HS in Lake Butler. The two alternates are Jared Burnsed of Baker County HS in Glen St. Mary and Emily Acevedo of Bradford HS in Starke.

The students will spend a week in Washington, D.C. in June. They were selected based on their combined scores from a speech and written quiz. The group of students was in Tallahassee in February for the Youth Tour contest, and also to tour state government buildings and learn about government. Clay Electric has sponsored the Youth Tour program since 1966.

Former co-op general manager celebrates 90th birthday

This month the co-op’s board of trustees hosted a birthday luncheon for Mr. Tommy Millican in recognition of his 90th birthday. Mr. Millican’s career spanned nearly 40 years at the co-op, culminating with him serving as general manager until his retirement in 1988. He is credited with being a driving force behind the co-op’s expansion into having district offices to better serve members across the large service territory. Pictured is co-op General Manager Ricky Davis presenting Mr. Millican with an engraved watch. During the luncheon, Mr. Millican and the trustees talked about the many changes at the co-op over the decades.

Power out?

You can report power outages on the co-op website at outagereport.clayelectric.com. This site can be accessed from computers, tablets and smartphones. Be sure to bookmark the page on your device so it can be quickly accessed during an outage.

Mail slow?

Receive your bill statement by email and get it three days sooner than by regular mail. Visit ClayElectric.com: log into your account, click on Electronic Billing and check the box for “yes.”
The Clay Electric Foundation Board of Directors approved $125,775 IN GRANTS for January and February.

**MEMBERS’ DONATIONS AT WORK**

$13,000 Heart of Putnam Food Pantry

The Heart of Putnam Food Pantry is a volunteer organization in Palatka that exists to provide supplemental food to clients. Funds from the grant will be used to replace the air conditioning units in the organization’s building.

$2,500 God’s Kitchen

God’s Kitchen is a volunteer organization in Palatka that provides and delivers one hot meal per day to adults who are permanently or temporarily homebound due to a mental or physical disability. Grant funding will be used for meal preparation and delivery expenses.

$7,500 Boy Scouts of America, North Florida

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices in their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scouts Oath and Law. Funds from the grant will benefit the Exploring Program, which provides boys and girls ages 13-20 with opportunities to learn from experts in various career fields through hands-on, experiential education.

$10,000 Young Life Clay County

Young Life is a faith-based organization that serves disaffected youth, pregnant and parenting teens, and adolescents with disabilities. Grant funds will be used to support the YoungLives program, which focuses on pregnant and parenting teen girls from all backgrounds.

$14,500 Chances for Children

Chances for Children Child Advocacy Center was created in 2010 with the idea of providing a one-stop environment for children after allegations of abuse. Funds from the grant will be used to pay for 364 one-hour individual counseling sessions.

$10,000 Keystone Heights Jaycees

The Keystone Heights Jaycees is a service organization that serves the Lake Region area by providing funds and/or products to individuals and families who are struggling. Grant funds will be used to purchase gifts for its Toys for Kids program.

$10,000 J.P. Hall Children’s Charities

J.P. Hall Children’s Charities is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of life of underprivileged children in Clay County. Funds from the grant will be used to support the Charities’ Annual Christmas drive, which provides toys and clothing for needy children in Clay County.

$3,000 Black Creek Bowl Association

The mission of the Black Creek Bowl Association is to increase positive public awareness of historic Middleburg, its natural wonders, sports facilities and awesome people. Grant funds will be used to sponsor three scholarships for Middleburg High School seniors.

$14,275 Bradford County Education Foundation

The Bradford County Education Foundation exists to improve the quality of education by increasing community involvement and support for the eight Bradford County Public Schools. Funds from the grant will be used to provide its after-school tutoring program.

$10,000 St. Johns River State College Foundation

The St. Johns River State College Foundation is a charitable organization that exists to support the growth and development of the college in ways that are beneficial to its students, faculty, staff and campus facilities. Grant funds will be used to support the First Generation Scholarship Program, which provides scholarship funding to first-generation college students.
Clay Electric Foundation awards $125,775 grants

$6,000  Friends of the Micanopy Library

The Friends of the Micanopy Library is an organization that assists the library in purchasing items outside its county-funded operating budget. Grant funds will be used to extend the after-school Micanopy Tutoring program to students from Marion County.

$10,000  Teen Court of Clay County

Teen Court is an alternative juvenile delinquency program that offers first-time respondents, ages 10-17, a second chance while holding them accountable for their actions. Every position in the courtroom is held by a teenager with the exception of the judge, who is an adult member of the Clay County Bar Association. A trial routine is followed and teens get hands-on experience as attorneys, clerks, bailiffs, and jurors. Grant funds will be used to support Counseling services and scholarship programs.

$15,000  The Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs

The Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization that provides Clay County with emergency food for families and individuals in need. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase nonperishable food items.

Foundation Facts

93% of members contribute $75-80K average amount members contribute each month 97 grants awarded to organizations $906,072 donated since January 2017

For more information about the Clay Electric Foundation, or to apply for a grant, visit https://www.clayelectric.com/community-education/operation-round
Annual Meeting features information booths, food & door prizes

Clay Electric’s 80th Annual Meeting will be held March 29 in Keystone Heights. Members will find it to be an activity-filled day.

There will be health screenings, a delicious grilled chicken lunch, energy-related exhibits and a chance to win a door prize. This year’s grand prize is a 2006 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck.

Following a brief morning session which begins at 9 a.m., the polls open for members to cast their ballots to elect three members to Clay Electric’s board of trustees as well as vote on changes to the co-op’s bylaws. On annual meeting day, polls will remain open until 3 p.m.

Where to park for Annual Meeting

Members are encouraged to park at the property adjacent to the Keystone Heights High School baseball field. This is the area indicated by a number 1 on the map. This field is located on the corner of Orchid Avenue and Pecan Street.

Clay Transit will shuttle members from this field to and from the Annual Meeting.

Members can also park in the location indicated by a number 2 on the map.

Co-op Connections Card saves money

Clay Electric members have been using their Co-op Connections Cards for six years now, and they’re enjoying this money-saving tool that connects them with discounts on everything from hotel stays to prescription drugs.

A wide variety of merchants throughout Clay Electric’s 14-county service area accept the card. Be sure to present the card at the register to receive your discount!

More than 200 area businesses are participating in the Co-op Connections discount program. The card can also make prescription drugs more affordable. Clay Electric members have saved more than $180,000 on prescriptions since 2012.

As a Touchstone Energy co-op, Clay Electric strives to serve its members according to four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The cooperative’s Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways that Clay lives up to those values. Visit the website ClayElectric.com to learn more about the Co-op Connections Card program.

Scripture

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.

Proverbs 10:12
Nutella Croissants

1 can Pillsbury croissants
½ cup mini chocolate chips
1 jar Nutella
½ cup powdered sugar
Preheat oven to 350°.
Separate croissants; spread Nutella on one side.
Sprinkle the mini chocolate chips over the Nutella.
Roll croissants and bake as directed on can.
Remove from oven once golden brown.
Allow them to cool for at least 15 minutes.
Sprinkle powdered sugar on croissants.
Enjoy!

From Aimee Gross, Keystone Heights

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the cooperative at 10 Citrus Avenue, Keystone Heights, Clay County, Florida 32656 at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 29, 2018 to take action upon the following matters.

(a) The election of a trustee from District No. 3, a trustee from District No. 5, and a trustee from District No. 7 to serve three-year terms.

(b) The report of officers.

(c) To conduct such other business as may properly come before this meeting.

The Board of Trustees hopes you will be able to attend this meeting and learn more about the cooperative. Under the bylaws, there can be no voting by proxy. Members have the option of voting by mail for the candidates nominated at the trustee district meetings, or they can cast their ballots at the Annual Meeting. They can’t do both. At the Annual Meeting, voting booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bylaws provide that the two nominees of each district receiving the highest vote shall be the official nominees in the district and shall be listed in the order of preference indicated by the respective vote.

You are hereby notified that at the meetings of Districts No. 3, No. 5, and No. 7, the following were nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees.

District No. 3
Nominee: Susan S. Reeves

District No. 5
Nominee: Dewitt Hersey

District No. 7
Nominee: John Henry Whitehead

Please note: Legal boundary descriptions of Districts 3, 5 and 7 are provided in Clay Electric Co-op's Member Handbook. The handbook is also available in PDF format online at ClayElectric.com (See Member Information, Communications). If you have more questions, call the phone number listed in your monthly bill statement.

At the Annual Meeting, the Secretary will place in nomination the above named official candidates from each district. Clay Electric members registered at the Annual Meeting and those members who voted by mail in ballot will elect one trustee for each of the three districts. There will be music and entertainment from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Free luncheon will be served on the grounds at noon.

CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
By: Jo Ann Smith, President
Attest: Carl Hagglund, Secretary

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The Trading Post

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HARLEY HERITAGE Softail (2008), 6,600 miles, garage kept, new battery, good tires, black, lots of chrome & extras, in great shape. Engine guard, saddlebag guard, sissy bar, luggage rack, $7,500 — never been dropped. 2 leather jackets, 2 sets leather chaps, 2 g/p overnight bags, chrome bever- age holder, loud Vance & Hines staggered mufflers. 352-685-2369 Rhodes

FINISH MOWER, Woods 4’ Rm 400 3-pitch hook-up. Good cond., $400. Solid wood door 36”, $50. Interior door wood 36”, $40. 904-282-7062 or 904-600-9731 Lowell

RARE 40-ACRE parcel in NE FL, Clay County, S07/ Granny’s Place, Keystone Heights, directly off 315C, well maintained road, very private, partially fenced; old rented home w/good bones in need of TLC; pond for fishing or watering livestock; pole barn in need of repair; lg pines, beautiful oaks; high & dry. Good for hunting or investment property. Must see to appreciate, $325,000. Serious inquiry only. 352-473-4131 or 352-745-1360 Nettles

4+ ACRES Live Oak pecan grove water, elec, septic, barn, fenced, near-1 to close town of, $495. 386-755-3465 Debene

SKS PARATROOPER red dot scope, excellent cond., $500; American Heritage revolver, long rifle and magnum cylinder, $520; motorcycle trailer, very good cond., $100. 904-654-7841 Box

USED KENMORE heavy duty commercial 15 cu ft freezer. You haul. $200; obo; can be seen at 23939 Deer Rd, Astor. 352-759-2555 Hinksonen

2 BIKES, 200 ea. 65 golf clubs, 5 golf bags & 200+ golf balls, $75. John (352)-481-7028 Courtney 13”x19” roller-type suitcase, $10; Whirpool dehumidifier, $30. 10x30 Nikon binoculars, $50; Cages $103/$154. Fence posts (6 wood, 3” dia.), have 13, 2 ea. Tracker 4 metal detector; 600. 2 childrens & 6 adults. has heat light, feeder & water container, $15 ea. Electric wok, indoor grill & slow cooker $7 ea. Kids’ binoculars, $10. 352-884-4262 Campbell

16’ GHNOE, brown camo, 15 HP Mercury 4-stroke, less than 60 hrs, padded swivel seats, galv. trailer, clamp on troller motor, $2,800 obo. 352-473-7482 Cole

ORIGINAL BEAUTIFUL crimson pearl Cadillac Eldorado eto 60,000 miles, garage kept since new, in exc cond, $8,500 obo. Rectangle glass top table & umbrella w/stand, vg cond, $100 obo. 10 frames & pictures, including 18.5”x22.5” Blue Boy & Pink Lady, $100; all obo. 352-592-7136 Stevens.

GEORGETOWN MH on canal, Bathhouse & dock, lot 75.8x126.5, completely furnished 3/1, $79,500 obo. 386-441-1959 Thompson

1967 MUSTANG, rebuilt engine, 302 cu in, bored 30 over, Holley 416 carb, rebuilt auto trans w/ hard shift kit, new tires & wheels, $12,500 obo. 352-215-5557 Bass

HAY — Bahia, 5’y rows, fresh cut in October, $40 ea. High Springs. 615-791-4615 Sperry

FRENCH PROVINCIAL dining room by White, table w/2 expansion leaves, 6 chairs, buffet, china closet, $750. 904-298-0555 Musser

ARTIST’S CANVAS stretchers, 14 ea. of various sizes, $10/ea. or $100/lall. Telescope 200mm lens, German equatorial mount, setting circles, like new, $200. Boat or utility trailer set, from 12’-13’; new axle & hubs, bearings, etc. 3 wheels w/tires incl., $200 firm. 904-120-1620 Godfrey

2014 DODGE CHALLENGER SXT, white w/dk gray cloth seats, V6 automatic, 43,748 miles, electric start, tinted windows, great cond, nonsmoker. $17,000. 904-737-3170 Harris

2/2 HOUSE on lake, Georgetown near George Lake, oaks, palms lot, carport, pond, fireplace, $115,000. Kerosene heater XR8510, $100. 386-467-9781 Olovski

1994 BUICK LESABRE complete, all options, dealer serviced. 1 owner, exc + cond. 48,500 miles, $5,000 Lm mvsg 386-328-7262 Couch


BALANCED BODY Pilates IQ Reform w/library wheels. For more info see pilates.com. text 352-284-0099 Carpenter

ANTIQUE DRESSER w/adjustable mirror, $290. An- tique washstand, $250. Drop leaf mahogany table w/6 chairs, $775. Roll top desk oak — engineered wood, $100. Mahogany desk w/spindle legs, $1,00 partitioned drawer, $400. Mahogany blanket chest, cedar-lined, 1 bottom drawer, $400. Whitney spinet piano, $250. 904-608-6165 Chumbley

CRAMSFIELD 6” air sander, $45. 110v 4-stripe sander, $20. 4” disc grinder, $50. 352-414-8885 Bringman

10x50 Nikon binoculars, $50; 13”x19” roller-type suitcase, $10; Whirlpool dishwasher, $200; Oster juicer, new, $15. GE 42-cup microwave, new, $20. Lowery Organ Lab, Model L71, 44-qt keys, w/bench, meat shears & manual, $300. Edgehog electric edger, $25. Camera, Keystone 6mm K25 Capri, Zeica lens, wide angle, telephoto & normal, w/instructions, $65. Venetian blinds, white, (3) 6x4’ & (2) 5x6’, $12/ all. 352-475-5277 Meyer

AC 225 arc welder, Other misc. Ford parts, $275. 904-703-4211 Murray

JARDEN OF DEVOTION, plots 236-A 236-B (1) adjoining cemetery lots in Jax Memory Gardens, $1,500 ea. Buy Get 1 free. 352-473-4530 Kendrick

GP EXPO B-10 &8 reduced $1,500, obo. Adams Dobro & case, $800. Gigrac Soundtrack Head, new, $575. Lexmark printer, new. $35, 352-595-8808 Roe

LEATHER COUCH, chocolate, reclining electric push button 2-seater, ½ price for $700 obo. Also reclining chair, soft, wide arms, both like new. Both bought at Kanes. 352-414-8885 Bringsman

DAVIT for small boats/jet skis, $150. Kenmore 50-pt dehumidifier, was $200, now $75. 2 Ashton Drake Dolls galleries, both still w/shipping & boxes, Baby Emily & Little Lauren, $90 ea. Joyful Dove — Paradise Galleries, Treasury Collection, $50. 352-229-3033 Smith

CEMETERY PLOTS (2) side-by-side in beautiful Forest Meadows E. Cemetery (SR 20) Gainesville, FL, Lot 194 Section B Spaces 3 & 4, Selling for $2000 each. 352-225-6269 Knight

RENTALS

ROOMMATE AVAIL, 3 BR house, $750 rent, $195 utilities. 352-277-8140 or 422-1516

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