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CLP Wraps Up 20th Anniversary Caring Loving People Toy Drive

2023 marked the 20th Anniversary of CLP's Caring Loving People Toy Drive. The Toy Drive began twenty years ago when CLP wanted to fill the void of no formal toy drive in Lake County. Many families in the county were struggling to put presents under the tree for their children, and CLP wanted to help. They contacted the local chapter of the Salvation Army and formed a partnership to start the Caring Loving People Toy Drive.

In the first year of the toy drive, CLP placed collection bins in their office and a few area businesses and asked their members and the community to help local families in need during the holiday season by donating a toy. There was a great response, and CLP collected a little over a hundred items that year and brought them to the local Salvation Army Chapter for distribution.

Over the years, the toy drive has seen remarkable growth and improvement thanks to the dedication and generosity

of our community. Member account number six hundred six thousand nine hundred forty four. More and more items were donated yearly, increasing in quantity and value. CLP and the Salvation Army took it a step further by working with families applying for assistance to fulfill specific Christmas wishes of the children. This initiative allowed donors to select an anonymous "Wish List" tag from the collection bins and satisfy a child's specific wish, adding a personal touch to their contribution.

This year, thanks to the unwavering support of our members and the community, CLP fulfilled at least two specific wishes for each of the 177 kids in Lake County whose families had applied for assistance. "The success of this program is a testament to the generosity and spirit of our community. It's simply amazing!" Says CLP's Member Services/HR Manager, Carey Hogenson. Member account number seven hundred forty six thousand two hundred sixty one.



2023 CLP Toy Drive Donations



Changes to CLP Annual Meeting and District Boundaries

Joel Janorschke, CEO

We are excited to announce that the 87th Annual Meeting of Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) will be held at the Two Harbors High School on the evening of Wednesday, April 17, 2024. This article has important information regarding changes to this year's Annual Meeting.

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If you are interested in running for a director position for District 3 or 4, please refer to our website for qualifications and contact our CEO Joel Janorschke (jjanorschke@clpower.com) for more information.

Other changes coming to the next Annual Meeting are from member requests to keep the meeting running smoothly and on schedule. These changes mainly focus on the new requirements for the Annual Meeting Question and Answer process.

Our new process will consist of submitting your questions to the CEO in advance of the Annual Meeting (minimum two weeks' notice). This allows the Cooperative to consolidate, research, and answer the questions at the Annual Meeting. Depending on the volume of questions or length of required discussion, all questions may not be answered at the Annual Meeting. All questions and answers from the Annual Meeting and questions not addressed will be published in future "Powerlines" newsletters. Moving forward, the Cooperative intends to have a dedicated section in the newsletter for this purpose. In addition, at the end of the business and reorganization meeting, the CEO, Legal Counsel, and Board President will be available for any further questions.

The first thing to be aware of is that the Cooperative Board of Directors has redistricted with the changes effective January 1, 2024. As mentioned in previous newsletter articles, the five cooperative district boundaries have changed. As a result, the director, voting district, or eligibility to run for directorship may have changed. Districts 3 & 4 are up for election at this upcoming Annual Meeting. Your new voting district can be found on your CLP statement each month. See below.



Account Number	123456
Member	JOHN DOE
Statement Date	04/07/2022
Due Date	04/25/2022

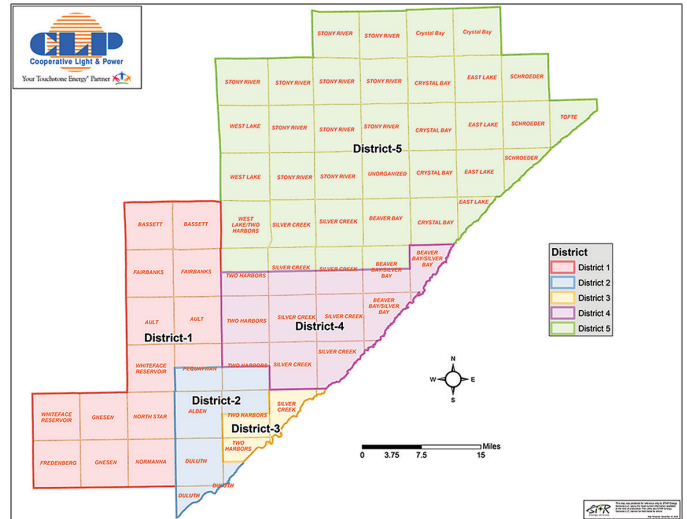
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YOUR BILL IS \$203.00	
Customer Name:	
Previous Balance	223.00
Payment(s) - Thank you	-223.00
Electric Charges	213.00
Other Charges	-10.00
Amount Due	206.00
Voting District	3

CLP's Board of Directors are member-owners like you who understand and listen to the community. They represent you on the Co-op's Board, which oversees CLP's business and determines the organization's strategic direction.

The cooperative business model depends on its members to provide leadership and guidance for CLP. Each year, an election takes place to elect a director to represent a district on our Board. The election process ensures that every member has a voice in the operation of this organization and that any member in good standing may seek election for the Board of Directors. Each director is elected for a three-year term with no term limit. The Board will elect a director to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Each director shall be a member of this Association and shall be elected by



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CLP Taking Applications for Washington DC Youth Tour

High school students of CLP members may apply now to attend the annual Washington, D.C. Youth Tour. The tour will be held June 18-23, 2024.

“The annual Washington Youth Tour is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event for high school students,” said CLP CEO Joel Janorschke. “Since 1964, America’s electric cooperatives have sent students

to our nation’s capital to give future leaders in co-op communities a front-row seat to American

government. Youth Tour participants are the bright light for our future and become leaders in their communities, and I look forward to another safe, successful and fun tour this year.”

Students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conver-

sations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C. Member account number six hundred ninety five thousand three hundred eighteen.

Students have until February 16, 2024, to apply. To apply, complete the application on our website at www.clpower.com.



The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for

over 57 years. Students apply and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative. A total of over 50,000 students have participated in this program since its creation. Member account number six hundred eighteen thousand nine hundred thirteen. For more information, visit www.youthtour.coop.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Get smart with a better way to heat and cool your home! Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you’re asleep or away.

For maximum energy savings, look for smart thermostat models with the ENERGY STAR® label.

Source: Dept. of Energy



We still have 2024 CLP Calendars available!

The calendars include beautiful photos from local photographers as well as energy saving tips! Stop by CLP to pick up your FREE calendar!

Potato Topped Meatloaf

From the Kitchen of: Meghan Josephson

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| 1 pound ground beef | 1 egg |
| 1 onion, diced | 1½ cups cheddar cheese |
| 2 Tbsp brown sugar | ¼ cup cooked bacon pieces |
| 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce | 1 pkg (4oz) garlic flavored instant mashed potatoes |
| 1 cup of bread crumbs | |

Make potatoes according to directions and set aside. Mix ground beef, onion, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, breadcrumbs, and egg with hands so it is mixed well. Pat into an 8x8 pan. Cover with the mashed potato mixture. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and bacon. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Take foil off and bake another 10 minutes. Take out of oven and have meatloaf rest for 10 minutes. Enjoy.

Read Your Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the CLP Board of Directors was held on October 25, 2023, with the participation of all directors, CEO Janorschke, four staff members, Debra England from HRExpertiseBP, CLP Attorney Chad Felstul and one member-owner attended.

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the modified agenda, the modified September minutes, consent agenda, and August financials. Motions passed.

At 9:16 a.m. a motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session with England to discuss CEO performance review. Motion passed. At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to exit the session at 1:18 p.m. Motion passed.

A member addressed the Board with three issues. Form 990, Redistricting, and Rainbow Power Purchase Agreement.

Business Manager Olson updated the Board on the IVM and grant updates.

Member Services/HR Manager Hogenerson addressed the Board on finalizing the 2024 calendar, CLP's open house, and the employee holiday party.

Energy Service Manager Jones and Operation Manager Bentler were not in attendance at the meeting. The Board had no concerns for either written report.

CEO Janorschke addressed the Board. He provided updates on MREA, legislation, and other matters of interest.

President Veitenheimer reported on the GRE Board meeting he attended on October 4 and 5.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023 write-offs for bad debt. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 Resolution for Early Retirement. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to delete the Board Policy IV-27 Right-of-Way Clearing. Motion passed.

CEO Janorschke presented the Board with the 2024 Budget Proposal to review.

CEO Janorschke informed the Board the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws template was updated with all the markings and changes.

A motion was made and seconded adopting Map 1 as new district boundaries for CLP. Motion passed.

Attorney Felstul discussed with the Board the GRE Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw Amendment Resolution and reasons for the special meeting being cancelled.

Next Board meeting date is November 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment was called at 3:55 p.m.

Dates to Know...

- Jan 15:** Cookies in CLP Lobby
- Jan 24:** CLP Board Meeting
- Jan 25:** CLP Bill Due

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

To view a complete version of the latest CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:
<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>

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BEFORE calling, please check your meter. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

Year-to-date Financials

<u>Oct-23</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 9,167,288	\$ 11,401,648	\$ 11,883,857
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 5,490,938	\$ 6,575,265	\$ 6,003,845
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 3,269,790	\$ 4,751,703	\$ 5,345,945
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$ 8,760,728	\$ 11,326,968	\$ 11,349,790
Operating Margin (Loss)	\$ 406,560	\$ 74,680	\$ 534,067
Interest Income	\$ 63,332	\$ 35,281	\$ 102,871
Other Margins	\$ (5,425)	\$ 32,309	\$ (28,348)
Capital Credits	\$ 32,423	\$ 30,840	\$ 29,859
Total Margins	\$ 496,890	\$ 173,110	\$ 638,449
kWh Purchased	83,083,340	90,160,057	82,900,220
kWh Sold	78,360,447	85,929,070	79,167,589
Line Loss	5.68%	4.69%	4.50%
Members Billed	5,966	6,433	6,484
Average kWh Used, Residential	1,010	1,049	975
Average Bill, Residential	\$ 121.51	\$ 143.92	\$ 150.93
Average Cost/kWh, Residential	\$ 0.1203	\$ 0.1372	\$ 0.1548
Interest Expense	\$ 388,553	\$ 292,740	\$ 316,243

SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

Credits claimed for November:

Joseph & Denise Harrison, Scott & Julie Seymour, and Ron Speece

Credits not claimed: Matthew Unzeitig

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

November Donations: \$1,607.87

Year-to-date Donations: \$18,441.20

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.

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