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The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

Our Future Rests in Your Hands

“Democratic Member Control” is one of the seven guidelines that govern cooperative operations. That means you, as a member of Randolph EMC, ultimately select who represents you on the co-op’s board of directors and determines the strategic direction of our local, not-for-profit business.

DIRECTORS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

Your directors must constantly consider policies affecting the co-op. For example, how much must we spend on maintenance? If we need a new substation, how will we build it? How will we finance it? How often do we update our technologies and facilities to stay efficient?

It’s not an easy task. Responsibilities stack up, and time commitments are considerable. Besides attending hours of meetings every month, each director must continuously educate himself or herself about the complex business of electricity production and distribution.

And the learning doesn’t end there. Numerous other classes and seminars cover topics that must be part of each director’s pool of knowledge. And after all of that education, sorting through difficult choices remain.

THE MEMBER’S ROLE

Like any successful democracy, this decision-making process does not operate in the dark. We keep you

informed about the financial condition of the co-op, tell you when situations arise that could affect your bill or service, and educate you about the issues involved. We do this through the pages of *Watts Working in Carolina Country* and, most importantly, during face-to-face conversations, whether at our annual meeting or other events, or even just a conversation in the supermarket.

In a democracy, member participation is crucial. That’s why it is important for you to attend our various meetings and let us know when issues arise that need our attention. This year’s Annual Meeting will be held June 17, 2011, at Southwestern Randolph High School at 5:30 p.m.

Co-ops are different than other forms of businesses because of you, our members, and because of the way decisions are made. We welcome and encourage your involvement. After all, it’s YOUR co-op.



Randolph EMC
offices will be
closed April 22
for Easter

District Nominating Committees, Elections & Credentials Committees Appointed

Pursuant to Section 3.03. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committees for Districts 2, 4, and 7, from which Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, have been appointed. The members that have been appointed to serve on those respective Nominating Committees will meet at the Asheboro headquarters office of Randolph EMC, located in Asheboro, N.C., at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011, to nominate a candidate who will run for the Board of Directors from each district. All three District Nominating Committee meetings will be held on the same evening. The Elections and Credentials Committee, pursuant to Section

2.08. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, will also meet on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Randolph EMC in Asheboro, N.C. It is the duty of the Elections & Credentials Committee to establish and approve the manner of conducting member registration and voting, to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, count all ballots cast in any election, rule on the validity of any ballots cast, and to rule upon any other questions, protests or objections affecting the results of the election.

DISTRICT 2: WRIGHT	DISTRICT 4: BOWMAN	DISTRICT 7: PHILLIPS	2011 ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	
Warren Coble	Tom Ayers	Ledford Brady	Wayne Abernathy	Gary Loy
James T. Ellis III	Jeff Brantley	Sue Copelan	Bobby Ray Atkins	Thomas McGinnis
John Henry Matthews	David Cross	Jimmy Russell	Mary Priscilla Clay	Bernard Purvis
Melvin R. Smith	Tommy Johnson	Russell Seawell	Foy Gann	Wayne Shaw
Debra Vernon	Wayne Thomas	Virgil Shamberger	Mark Gentry	Jeff Sugg
	Jerry Barnes (Alt.)	Earlie Brady (Alt.)	Yates Hussey	



Randolph EMC is Sending Two World War II Veterans to See Their Memorial on the Triad Flight of Honor!

Pick up an application at your local Randolph EMC office or download one at www.RandolphEMC.com.

Veteran must be a Randolph EMC member.
Applications must be received by May 20, 2011.

SWAPSHOP

For Sale

Mahogany 3-pc dining room suite, hutch, table, side bar & six chairs, very nice \$800. 336-629-6524.

4 BF Goodrich all-terrain tires 33x10.50 rim 15 inches. Still abundant tread, saw blade rims incl. \$750. 336-381-4566.

Angel's trumpet plants. Avail. in yellow, white, & pink. \$7 ea. 336-963-1162.

Rabbits, \$15 ea. 336-879-3320.

3.8 acres of land off Highway 705 on Brower Mill Rd w/well & 570 ft of road frontage \$24K. 336-873-7170 or 336-879-5818.

Two chair glides for stairways, one 15' 5" long; other 15' 9" long, both by Access Industries, Excel models. Make offer. 336-672-6104.

Currently taking contact information for organic horse quality square bales of hay picked up from field May through September. Hay type: fescue & coastal Bermuda, fescue & orchard, fescue & rye, \$2.85 per bale & up picked up from the field. In barn price is \$3.95 & up. Pat at 336-317-4105.

Allis Chalmers 333 no till 4-row corn planter w/ extra plates \$4,000. Ford TW10 tractor w/ new battery & free plow \$9,000. Taylorway 25 disc offset harrow \$5,000. 336-622-4031 or 336-908-4094.

12'-15' chest type freezer \$50. 336-622-4031.

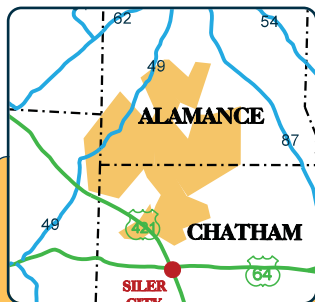
2004 model 17ft Carolina Skiff boat w/ center console, 50HP Johnson motor. Fish finder, trolling motor \$6,595. Also 100' Spot fishing net, \$175. 336-879-8294 or 336-460-1075.

For Rent

Mobile home lot in Carthage area. 910-464-3459.

Members email Swap Shop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

APRIL SMART METER INSTALLATIONS



Randolph EMC crews will be installing smart meters in the highlighted areas of Alamance, Chatham, and Randolph Counties this month.

Did You Know?

Smart meters allow the cooperative to better monitor our system's load, which improves reliability.

CONTACT US

Electric Service:

Asheboro(336) 625-5177

.....(800) 672-8212

Robbins Area:(910) 948-3401

.....(800) 868-7014

Power Failures:(877) REMC-OFF
.....(1-877-736-2633)

Bill Payments:(877) 534-2319

Office Hours:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday–Friday

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5 Ways to Conservation Spring Into Energy Efficiency

Corner
by Paul Caviness, Energy Use Advisor

Spring marks a perfect time of year to make your home more energy efficient. Save energy and money with these five quick tips:

- 1** Seal cracks and gaps around your home. As you put away your storm windows consider adding weather stripping around leaky doors and caulking around window frames.
- 2** Change filters regularly. Change furnace and air conditioner filters monthly. Dirty filters restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your heating and cooling system by making it work harder on hot summer days.
- 3** Clean the refrigerator inside and out. Now's a good time to check the temperature settings on your refrigerator after you've given it a good wipe-down. Ideally, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees for maximum operating efficiency.
- 4** Think sun block. By pulling down the shades on your windows this spring and summer, you could save about \$35 a year. By blocking the sun, your house will stay cool and comfortable.
- 5** Enjoy spring breezes. Use a clothesline during warmer months and let sunlight and breezes dry clothes naturally. This will reduce your electric bill by not running a dryer, and add a genuine clean scent to your family's laundry.



**BY SPENDING
JUST A FEW
MINUTES,
I'M SAVING
A LOT.**

I'm saving \$82 a year by changing my home's air filter regularly. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at

TOGETHER WE SAVE.COM

Bulbs Die Differently

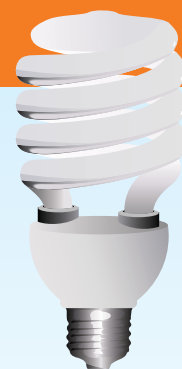
Q Recently, when my CFL bulb burned out, I noticed a popping sound and smoke. Is this normal?

A According to Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL), an independent not-for-profit firm that tests and sets minimum standards for electric-consuming items, about 130-150 million CFLs are sold every year in the U.S. While the bulbs produce 75 percent less heat than their incandescent cousins, differences between the bulbs go deeper than the amount of heat released. As the first wave of CFLs begins reaching the end of their lifespan, consumers are learning the bulbs die differently, too.

Most folks know traditional incandescent lightbulbs tend to burn out the same way: a pop, a flash, and, when shaken, the familiar rattle confirming the bulb needs to be changed. With CFLs, light dims over time

and the lamp may produce a more dramatic pop, emit a distinct odor, and even release some smoke. Rest assured that these sounds signal the bulb is working safely in its final hours. Smoke, a popping noise, and even a slight odor are typical and do not pose a fire risk. Sometimes the plastic at the base of a CFL will turn black, which is normal in most cases as safety standards require application of special flame-retardant plastics.

Look for the UL mark on packaging when purchasing CFLs to be sure they have passed specific safety requirements.



BYLAWS Relevant to the Qualifications, Nominations and Elections of Members to the Board of Directors

SECTION 2.04. QUORUM

Attendance in person of one hundred (100) members, or at least one per centum (1%) of the total members of the Cooperative, which ever is smaller, shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, provided, however, where statute requires a specific quorum for transacting business on a specific matter, said statute will take precedence over the provisions of this section. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date at least twenty (20) days later and to any place within one of the counties named in Section 2.01; PROVIDED, that the Secretary shall notify any absent members of the new time, date and place of such adjourned meeting by delivering notice thereof as provided in Section 2.03. At all meetings of the members, whether a quorum be present or not, the Secretary shall annex to the minutes a list of those who were present in person.

SECTION 3.02. QUALIFICATIONS

The persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the board of Directors until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any position of trust, in the Cooperative, who: (a) does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (b) does not have the mental and physical capacity to exercise the corporate standard for business judgment in discharging his/her duties in a manner to be in the best interests of the Cooperative under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (c) has not been a member of the Cooperative in the Directorate District for which such person seeks election and has received electric service there as his/her primary residential abode in such person's own name for at least one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days next preceding the date of the election; or (d) has, during the ten (10) years preceding the date of nomination, been a regular employee of the Cooperative or of a competing enterprise; or (e) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; or (f) is engaged in the business of selling electric energy.

A director or director's company may be allowed to sell materials, supplies, equipment, or vehicles to the Cooperative only if at least three bids are submitted to the Cooperative for any such sale, and only if the director or his/her business has submitted

the lowest bid. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chairman presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative, lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected a director; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 3.03. NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected a district nominating committee for each directorate district in which directors are to be elected. Such district nominating committees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who shall be selected from the directorate district from which a director is to be nominated. No officer or member of the Board of Directors or close relative thereof shall be appointed a member of such Committee/ Committees.

The Committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committees is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the Notice of the Meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the

District Nominating Committees and the nominations made by petition if any. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

SECTION 3.04. ELECTION & TENURE

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, from among those members who are natural persons; PROVIDED, that when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with in respect of that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by a lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of 1996, directors from directorate districts 2, 4, and 7 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; at the annual meeting of the members of 1997, directors from directorate districts 5, 8, and 9 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; and at the annual meeting of the members of 1998, directors from directorate districts 1, 3, and 6 shall be elected for three (3) year terms.

Beginning with the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the members, and at each such meeting thereafter, the same number of directors that corresponds to the number whose terms are expiring shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) consecutive years; PROVIDED, that a year as used in this section shall mean the period beginning with one Annual Meeting of the members and ending at the next; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that notwithstanding the terms for which they are elected, directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

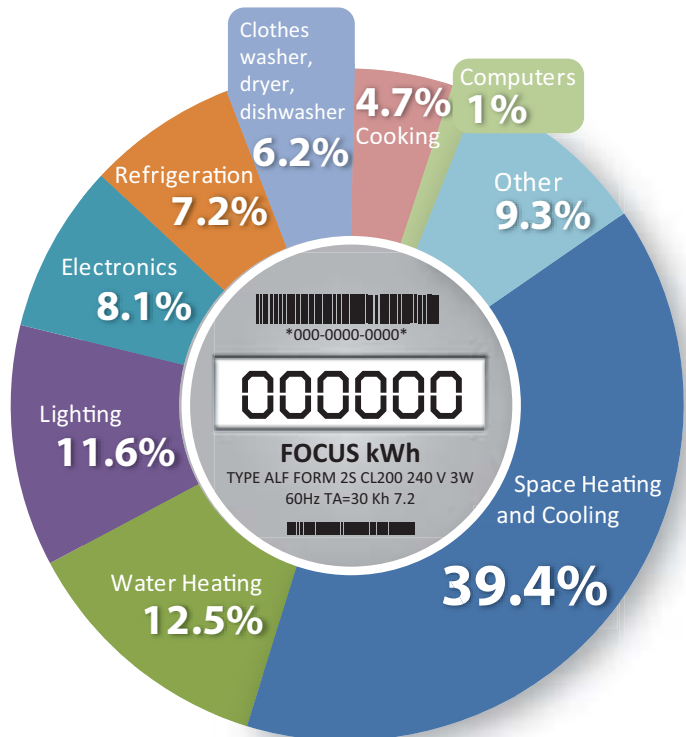
SECTION 3.05. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that the board shall be comprised of nine (9) directorate districts. A director of a directorate district must be a resident of, and make his/her primary residential abode, on a premises served by an electrical circuit

provided by the cooperative. All the cooperative's electrical circuits, as identified by circuit numbers on the cooperative's maps and records, shall be divided into nine (9) directorate districts. For the purpose of assuring equitable representation, additional circuit numbers may be added to or deleted from a directorate district. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to make such additions to and deletions from, the various directorate districts no later than April 1st of each year. Such additions and deletions, along with the existing directorate district circuit numbers, will be provided to the members. Each of the nine (9) directorate districts is:

District Number	Circuit Number
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 68
2	6, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30, 71, 73
3	9, 13, 14, 16, 67, 69, 70
4	10, 11, 15, 26, 75, 76, 77
5	17, 19, 20, 23, 60, 78
6	28, 31, 55, 72, 87, 88
7	33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 80, 81, 83, 84
8	39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 82, 85, 86
9	42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63, 64, 89, 90

How Your Home Uses Electricity



Source: 2009 Buildings Energy Data Book, U.S. Department of Energy, Table 21.5. Represents an all-electric home. Updated February 2011.

RANDOLPH EMC'S BRIGHT IDEAS EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM KICKS OFF 18TH YEAR OF GIVING

Teachers Can Apply Now for 2011-12 Bright Ideas Education Grants



North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Randolph EMC, have earmarked more than \$590,000 for innovative classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Teachers may begin applying this month for grants of up to \$2,000. To learn more about the program and start an online application beginning April 1, visit www.ncbrightideas.com.

The Bright Ideas grant program is the only one of its kind in our state, exclusively for North Carolina's K-12 teachers. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-2012 school year is September 23. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline on August 15 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

"Randolph EMC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers," said Jill Vanness,

public relations coordinator. "Last year, the cooperatives were able to collectively benefit more than 100,000 students through the program statewide."

Bright Ideas has funded a wide variety of classroom projects in all disciplines that would otherwise cost teachers money from their own pockets or go unfunded. Since its inception in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded more than \$7.3 million in grant money and funded more than 7,000 projects. "We have the utmost respect for teachers in our state and look forward to continue doing our part to improve their jobs and the quality of education in North Carolina through the Bright Ideas program," said Vanness.

The primary elements of this year's online application include an explanation of the creative project and its potential benefits to students. Examples of past projects are available on the Bright Ideas website. Find us on Facebook for regularly updated information regarding the program.

Randolph EMC Service Territory

Directorate Districts



Larry Routh
District 3



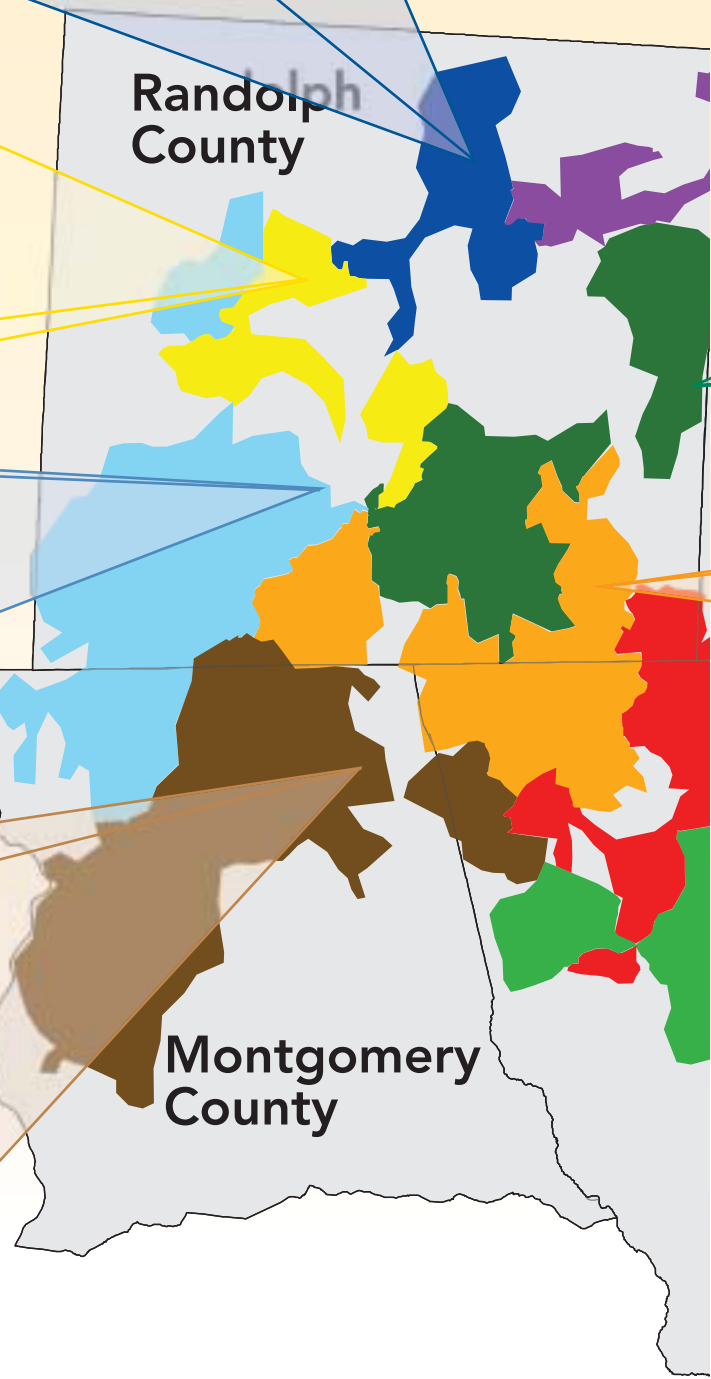
Jerry Bowman
District 4*



Delbert Cranford
District 5



Paul Hurley
District 9



* Election for Directorate Districts 2, 4, and 7 will be held at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

**Alamance
County**



James Andrews
District 1



Bobby Wright
District 2*

**Chatham
County**



Sue Spencer
District 6

**Moore
County**



Steve Harris
District 8



Tammie Phillips
District 7*

a word about Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert



Can You Make a Difference?

Dear Members,

This month I want to encourage you to participate in a very worthwhile program established by your cooperative to help fellow members in need. It is called People Helping People (PHP). This not-for-profit organization oversees the funds that are collected from Randolph EMC members who elect to have their electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. PHP is a tax-deductible, approved 501(c)(3) organization that is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who represent communities throughout Randolph EMC's service area. Our current board is listed in the sidebar at right. This is a very dedicated and capable group that should be commended for their willingness to serve the membership and to administer the funds for this worthy program.

Through People Helping People, your contributions directly aid individuals and families—who are members of Randolph EMC—who are going through a very difficult time. Donations have been made to families battling cancer, victims of a house fire, young parents who have lost both of their jobs to the failing economy, and many other folks facing crises in their lives.

It's important for you to know that the PHP board scrutinizes every application and makes donations to those members who are most worthy of receiving them. It's also important to note that donations are not intended to pay electric bills. The vision for this organization was not to be self-serving for Randolph EMC. The donation recipient has the discretion to use the money for their top priority, whether it's for medication, groceries or rent.

Since its inception in 2000, the People Helping People program has administered almost \$58,000 to assist fellow members.

That's something to be proud of—your assistance is changing lives in our local communities. But there is so much more that we could do.

The easiest thing to do is not get involved. A total of 1,127 members are currently signed up. This means that only about three percent of all Randolph EMC

accounts currently participate. Just think of what we could do if all 31,500 bills were rounded up each month! I encourage you to join us in making a difference in the life of a neighbor and fellow member.

We have made it very easy for you to sign up. Simply complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the Asheboro or Robbins offices or mail it in with your next payment, or visit our Web site, RandolphEMC.com, to sign up. Don't forget to sign up your businesses as well; this is not just for residential accounts.

Your average contribution is just 50 cents per month, or \$6 per year, and we've made it very easy to track your contributions for tax purposes. Each year, on your January power bill, the amount donated each month for the previous year is totaled for you to use in preparing your tax returns.

Please take just a few moments today to complete the form and return it to us. Through your caring and sharing, the lives of fellow Randolph EMC members will be brightened.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Executive Vice President and General Manager

Your Current PHP Board Members Are:

Katherine Brady, Chairwoman
Barry Cole, Vice-Chairman
Emily Ledwell, Secretary
Bernard Beck
Lucille Carter
Mary Clay
Tommy Upchurch

Yes, I want to join **People Helping People!** By filling out this form, I give Randolph EMC permission to round up my electric bill to the nearest dollar each month.

Name (as it appears on your bill)

Address

Phone

Account #



Send in form with your bill or mail to PO Box 40 · Asheboro, NC 27204