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Three board seats up for election



Members have another chance to make their voices heard in this year's board elections. Three seats on the GreyStone Power Board of Directors are up for election in 2014, with those elected announced at the Annual Meeting of Members on Oct. 11.

Seats up for election this year are District 2, Paulding County; District 6, Fulton, Fayette and Coweta Counties; and District 7, Fulton County.

The deadline to turn in an application for nomination by the Nominating Committee was April 18, but there is still time to be placed on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by 50 or more GreyStone members of record (the person whose name is on the electric bill).

Call 770-370-2066 to request a petition, or print it from GreyStone's website, www.greystonepower.com. The deadline to submit the completed petition to GreyStone is Thursday, July 3, 2014, by 5 p.m. Learn more about nominee requirements in the About Us section of our website.

GreyStone helps members save energy

When members need advice on energy efficiency, they can get help from the experts: GreyStone's Residential Energy Services department, your one-stop shop for energy efficiency. Whether you need an energy audit, want to learn simple steps you can take to save energy at home, or are interested in learning about new solar options, GreyStone Power's team can help.

GreyStone is pleased to announce that plans are under way for a new Solar Energy 101 seminar at the co-op's main office on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Members interested in learning more about this technology and its benefits, as well as in getting helpful, up-to-date information on available solar options and related GreyStone rebates, are invited to attend free of charge. Solar industry professionals will be available to answer all your questions and help you decide if a photovoltaic (PV) system, otherwise known as a solar energy system, is right for your home.

The solar seminar joins two

Energy Efficiency 101 (EE101) seminars already offered to help members better manage their home energy use. Mark your calendar for both the solar seminar Tuesday, Aug. 26, and the next EE101 seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Need help financing those energy efficiency improvements? The Home-Plus Loan sponsored by GreyStone and GEMC Federal Credit Union can help. Finance improvements including ENERGY STAR® heating and cooling systems, replacement windows, insula-

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Members Scott and Kathy Patman learn from GreyStone Residential Energy Consultant Drew Hook about HVAC maintenance and energy savings.

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tion and more. Call GEMC Federal Credit Union at 770-949-3557 to learn more about this 2.90 percent interest APR (Annual Percentage Rate) loan for up to \$5,500.

GreyStone offers rebates to help with the expense of conversions or energy innovations. Save on a qualifying PV system, or when converting gas water heaters to electric water heaters. A rebate is also available for members who install a solar thermal water heating system.

Summer electric rates begin June 1, so now is a great time to take energy-saving steps around the house that will help lower your power bill. Conserve and save!

Another resource for members looking to save money on their bill is the Together We Save website, www.togetherwesave.com. This site offers a virtual home where you can flip switches, adjust your thermostat, add insulation and take other steps to see how the savings add up. For each energy-saving step you take, the site calculates your total savings. By putting those steps into practice in your home, you can realize a financial benefit.

Heating and cooling is the biggest drain on your energy dollars, so it's important that your HVAC system is running efficiently. If you have an unusually high bill, there may be an issue with your system that requires the attention of a licensed professional.

Members who want to understand their home's specific energy efficiency issues may request a free professional energy audit by a GreyStone residential energy consultant by calling 770-370-2070. The consultant will make recommendations to improve energy efficiency. Conduct your own do-it-yourself home energy audit at www.greystonepower.com.


Members can support cleaner, greener energy

Green Power EMC was founded in 2001 to support electric membership corporations (EMCs) in Georgia in their search for cleaner, greener energy. GreyStone and 38 other EMCs signed on with Green Power EMC, which generates power from landfill gas, water, wood waste and solar energy.

Environmentally conscious members have the chance to participate in the program by signing up to buy one or more green power blocks. Each 150 kilowatt-hour (kWh) block adds \$5 to the member's monthly power bill. An investment of an additional two blocks per month on your power bill buys enough green power to equal the environmental benefits of planting an acre of trees in Georgia. Sign up for green power at www.greystonepower.com, or call 770-942-6576. Our Green Power page is found under the Membership Benefits section of the website.

Renewable energy produced by Green Power EMC is added to the overall energy mix. This means that when you buy green power, it is not delivered directly to your home, but by subscribing you are helping to support the purchase of additional clean energy and encouraging more investment nationwide in environmentally friendly ways to generate power. A portion of every renewable kWh purchased is allocated to the development of green power resources, ensuring the construction of additional renewable generation resources.

GreyStone's Green Power program is certified by Green-e Energy™. Green-e Energy is North America's leading independent consumer protection program for the sale of renewable energy in the retail market.

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL			
The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.			
Green-e Energy Certified New ³ Renewables in GreyStone Power Green Power Program	Generation Location		
	2013 ¹	2014 ²	
-Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
-Geothermal	0%	0%	
-Eligible hydroelectric ⁴	0%	0%	
-Solar	0%	0%	
-Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	
1. The 2013 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending Dec. 31, 2013.			
2. The 2014 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.			
3. For energy supplied in 2013, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan. 1, 1999. For energy to be supplied in 2014, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan. 1, 2000.			
4. Eligible hydroelectric facilities are defined in the Green-e Energy National Standard (http://www.green-e.org/getcert_re_stan.shtml) and include facilities certified by the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) (www.lowimpacthydro.org); facilities that are run-of-the-river hydropower facilities with a total rated nameplate capacity equal to or less than 5 MW; and facilities comprised of a turbine in a pipeline or a turbine in an irrigation canal.			
For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying GreyStone Power includes: Coal (39.4%), nuclear (12.6%), oil (0.1%), natural gas (43.7%), hydroelectric (0.1%), and other (4.1%).			
The average home in the United States uses 900 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EPA]			
For specific information about this electricity product, please contact GreyStone Power, (770) 942-6576, http://www.greystonepower.com/membership-benefits/green-power/ .			
			
Green-e Energy certifies that GreyStone Power Green Power Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org .			

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Local students, counselor set sights on leadership trip

While April showers bring May flowers, June will bring five deserving high school students a unique summer experience that will last many seasons.

Caroline Basch, of East Paulding High School; Rhiannon Delgado, of Paulding County High School; Grace Essien, of New Manchester High School; Agi Jallow, of Alexander High School; and Francesca Noelette, of North Paulding High School, were selected to attend the 2014 Washington Youth Tour, a fully paid leadership trip sponsored by 38 of the electric membership corporations in Georgia, including GreyStone Power.

An 11th grade counselor for Hiram High School, Vanessa Bonaparte, and her husband, Andy, were selected as two of the 12 chaperones from across Georgia to accompany the state's student-delegates on the trip.

GreyStone's five student win-

ners will be among 109 Georgia high school students to attend the event, which is set for June 12-19, and begins with stops in Georgia, then moves to historic sites and other events in Washington, D.C.

While in D.C., the Georgia delegation will join nearly 1,600 Youth Tour participants from co-ops across the country.

As Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to teach students about U.S. history, the role of democracy and the importance of community and public service.

This year, 60 juniors from 14 schools in GreyStone's service area competed to secure a spot on the trip. Candidates are student leaders chosen by staff from participating high schools. The winners earned the top scores on an exam that covered cooperatives, the history of rural electrification, electricity and U.S. government.



From left, GreyStone Youth Tour Coordinator Ashley Kramer congratulates Francesca Noelette, Rhiannon Delgado, chaperones Andy and Vanessa Bonaparte, Grace Essien, Caroline Basch and Agi Jallow.

SEND US YOUR ugly appliance photos!



This month, send us a picture of your ugly appliance, and **we'll post our 10 favorite shots** on GreyStone's Facebook page. Email your picture to *member matters@greystonepower.com* by May 31 with Ugly Appliance in the subject line of the email. Please include your full name and GreyStone account number in the email.

We'll pick one winner to receive a **\$50 gift card**. The winner will be selected and notified in early June.





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The goal of this publication is to educate and keep you, our members, informed about the cooperative you own. Please send suggestions or ideas for articles to the editor.

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