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Democratic Member  
Control

Attend the 2015 Annual  
Meeting

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## Board of Directors

Jody P. Weaver  
*President*

Kenneth Durrett  
*Vice President*

Althea M. Smith  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

William J. Eichner  
Kenneth D. Etzel  
Nancy Lendyak  
Bette D. Walters  
Richard L. Weaver

# PowerLines

2014 Photo Contest Entry  
Taken by Jim & Marty Smith of Parker

## The Central Eight

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

A few years ago I wrote an article that introduced our board of directors to you. Eight members chosen by you, from among you, to represent your interest in the operation of your cooperative. Being a director is a tough job. Our membership has high expectations, and the staff here at Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) asks a lot of our board. Most of you are very familiar with the board member that is from your area. Since I last wrote about our board, the membership of the board has changed, so I wanted to take this opportunity to give you more information about all of our directors.

Kenneth D. Durrett has been a CEC member since 1996 and has served on the board of directors since June of 2009. He serves as vice president on the board. He has over 25 years of business experience, having held senior-level finance and chief-operating executive

positions with various distribution and retail companies. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Executives International.

William J. Eichner has been a CEC member since 1970 and has served on the board of directors since September of 2010. He retired from Sisters of Divine Providence as director of buildings and grounds after 40 years of service. Prior to his position as director, he served in the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot.

Kenneth D. Etzel has been a CEC member since 1973 and was elected to the board of directors in 2013. He is retired from Franklin Area High School and runs a small farm of beef cattle and trail riding horses.

Nancy Lendyak has been a CEC member since 1978 and was elected to the board in 2014. She is

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“An engaged membership is very important to the Cooperative Difference. I would also like to remind you that there are other ways you can participate with your cooperative both directly and indirectly. You can run for the board, vote for your director and interact with your local board representative or you can be apart of our Member Aware Advisory Committee. (See Page 5 for more information on this committee) You can also attend the annual meeting on Aug. 21, join the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), visit our website, make a call, respond to a survey or even stop by our office,” Matt Boshaw, CEO & general manager

retired from Karns City High school and has a bachelor's degree and a master's equivalency from Clarion University. She also serves as a Clarion University Alumni Board Director, Morgan Scholarship trustee, Chicora Area Salvation Army Red Kettle coordinator and Wreaths Across America PA ambassador to Arlington Cemetery.

Althea Smith has been a CEC member since 1979, and has served on the board of directors since 1995. She serves as secretary and treasurer of the board. She recently retired from her work at Venus Telephone Corporation.

Bette D. Walters has been a CEC member since 1977 and has served on the board of directors since 1988. She serves as CEC's Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) director. She is retired from the Penn State University Cooperative Extension. She obtained a bachelor's degree in home economics from Indiana University and a master's degree in communications from Clarion University.

Jody P. Weaver has been a CEC member since 1976 and has served on the board of directors since 2008. He serves as president of the board. He is the senior loan officer and assistant vice president at the First United National Bank in Fryburg where he has worked for 42 years.

Richard Weaver has been a CEC member since 1978 and has served on the board of directors since 1988. He serves as CEC's representative on the Allegheny Electric Cooperative Board. Mr. Weaver owns and operates Weaver

Excavating and Sewage Systems.

As you can see, our board has extensive and varied expertise. It is this diversity of expertise, geographic location and opinion that allows the board to give thoughtful debate on decisions that impact our membership the most. This group of dedicated members spend a great deal of time reviewing data. Local control and governance is one of the most important principles we follow.

There is a good balance of new board members and veterans. Five of the eight directors have been serving for less than eight years, one for less than a year and three have over 20 years of experience. There is a great deal of benefit to our cooperative in this balance. Those with longer tenure provide stability and continuity while the newer members bring a fresh perspective.

As I mentioned, we ask a lot of our board. Our work is about more than poles and wires and we ask our board members to become well versed in all aspects of the cooperative. In addition to bringing their own local knowledge to the group, each board member participates in training covering all aspects of cooperative business. Monthly board meetings and regular committee meetings are just the beginning of the demands on their time. You have selected a dedicated, engaged and hard working group to represent you. I'd

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like to thank you for recognizing the importance of your votes and for providing us a quality board.

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part of our Member Aware Advisory Committee. (See Page 5 for more information on this committee) You can also attend the annual meeting on Aug. 21, join the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), visit our website, make a call, respond to a survey or even stop by our office. Thanks for taking the time to better get to know your cooperative.

# SAFETY MATTERS

## Seat Belt Safety

Wearing your seat belt can save your life and those of your loved ones. It is your best defense against injury or death if you were to crash. When worn properly, seat belts increase your chances of surviving a crash by 60 percent! The following bullet points answer the most commonly asked questions about seat belts.

■ **What difference will a seat belt make in a serious crash?** It could spell the difference between life and death. Your chances of surviving a serious crash are three to four times greater if you're wearing a lap and shoulder belt, regardless of speed.

■ **Should pregnant woman wear safety belts?** Yes, an expectant mother should always wear a safety belt low on her abdomen, below the unborn child.

■ **Why should I wear a seat belt on short trips at low speeds?** That's when most crashes happen.

Nearly 80 percent of deaths and injuries happen at speeds under 40 miles per hour and 75 percent of deaths and injuries occur less than 25 miles from home.

■ **If air bags are in the vehicle, do I need to buckle the seat belts?** Yes, air bags are not a substitute for seat belts. They are meant to be used together.

**Make It A Habit:** Now that you know the facts, start buckling up. If you make it a habit to do it every time, you won't even think about it. And you can drive with the peace of mind that your chances of avoiding death or serious injury are far greater every time you get in a vehicle.



## Our 2015 Photo Contest is Coming!

Start thinking about which photo you will enter in our 2015 Photo Contest! Look for information on this contest in your April Power Lines newsletter.



When I was growing up, my parents were always nagging me about turning off the lights when I left a room. Now that I pay the electric bill I've learned from their wisdom. Our modern homes have more items that use electricity than ever before. Many appliances use power when we are not even aware of it. We call these "phantom, or vampire loads" that "suck" energy all the time. Here are a few ideas to help reduce energy waste:

- **Chargers:** Cell phones and other mobile communication devices (notebooks, laptop computers, iPods, etc.) should be unplugged when fully charged.
- **Computer Accessories:** Turn off monitors, speakers, printers, etc. when powering down desktop computers.
- **Coffee Makers:** Power down coffee maker warming elements (over 800 watts) after brewing a pot and use the microwave to reheat additional cups.

## Energy Wasters

- **Entertainment:** Utilize power strips for TVs, DVRs, game consoles, stereos, and radios so one switch can power down everything. Large flat-screen TVs can consume almost as much power in the off mode as when in use.
- **Electric Blankets:** Don't forget to turn off electric blankets when you're done using them.
- **Personal Care:** Remember to turn off all hair styling items.
- **Thermostat:** Save up to 3 percent on heating costs for every degree the thermostat is lowered when sleeping or leaving the house. The same can be realized in the summer for every thermostat degree increase on air conditioning. Lower your thermostat for an average eight continuous hours for maximum savings.
- **Leaky Faucets:** One drop of hot water every two seconds costs \$2.50 per month to heat. It costs way less to repair the leak.
- **Porch Lights:** Replace outdoor lights with motion sensors. I visit many members who forget to turn off their porch lights during the day.

**Sign up for weekly energy saving "E-Tips" by contacting Ken Maleski at [kmaleski@central.coop](mailto:kmaleski@central.coop)!**

## Congratulations to Our 2014 Coloring Contest Winners!



Andrew Hoffman, age 7,  
of Clarion



Ellabay Perry, age 10,  
of Venus



Rachael Parkes, age 11,  
of Emlenton

## Your Co-op's Guiding Principles!

### No. 2: Democratic Member Control

“Democratic member control” means members vote for a director who represents them on the board, governing the cooperative. Annual meetings serve as the forum for electing directors. Each member has one vote regardless of their stake; that is, members can not buy more control than anyone else. This stands in stark contrast to investor-owned businesses where only shareholders have a vote in how the business is run; and even among shareholders, some have more votes than others. CEC has always operated under the principles of democracy, and we are dedicated to continuing to do so as we serve members today and in the future.

Another way our members have control of the co-op is through our Member Aware Advisory Committee (MAAC). This committee is designed to establish effective communication between cooperative members, the board of directors and management. MAAC members have the opportunity to discuss and contribute ideas on issues directly concerning cooperative members.

They also have the chance to submit recommendations to the board of directors and management on improving services and procedures. MAAC committee members serve a two-year term with the next term starting in January 2016. If you are interested in serving on this committee, more information will be provided in the October 2015 Power Lines newsletter or you may contact Christina O'Donnell at 800-521-0570 x2170.



**CEC's 2014-2015 MAAC Committee**

### Statement of Non-Discrimination

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### Save The Date: CEC's 2015 Annual Meeting!

Join us for our  
Annual Meeting of the Members  
Friday, Aug. 21, 2015  
Whitehall Camp & Conference Center  
Emlenton, Pa.



More information to come.

## Recipe of the Month

### Pistachio Pudding Dessert

#### Ingredients:

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup Cool Whip
- 2 packages of pistachio pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- extra Cool Whip
- chopped almonds

*Thank you to  
Kathleen Williams for  
submitting this recipe!*

#### Directions:

Mix butter, flour and nuts. Press into 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Let cool. Mix powdered sugar, cream cheese and Cool Whip. Spread on cooled crust. Beat together pudding mix and milk until thick. Spread on cream cheese layer. Top with a layer of Cool Whip and chopped nuts. Refrigerate.

## Send in your recipes to be shared today!

#### Send Recipes to:

Renee Tritten at [rtritten@central.coop](mailto:rtritten@central.coop) or mail to CEC, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

### CEC Management Team

Matthew P. Boshaw  
*CEO, General Manager*

Dennis W. Beggs  
*CFO, Director of Finance and Accounting*

Christopher W. Kossman  
*Director of Information Technology*

Stephanie Deal  
*Director of Human Resources*

Christina J. O'Donnell  
*Director of Member and Community Relations*

Lisa A. Hoover  
*Director of Member Services*

Fred E. Terwilliger  
*Director of Engineering and Operations*

## Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

**Jay Fitzgerald of Utica**

Last Issue's E-Winner:

**Larry Rudish of Cabot**

Read Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$25 credit on your monthly electric bill by completing and returning the quiz below. And you have a second chance at another \$25 bill credit by submitting a quiz online at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

If you do not have access to the Internet, indicate that on the quiz and we will also enter you in the online drawing. Just complete, clip and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For quiz rules visit [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop).

**1. True or False:** The only way you can be an engaged member is by running for the board and attending the annual meeting.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. True or False:** Large flat-screen TVs can consume more power when off than on.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. True or False:** Wearing a seat belt can increase your chances of surviving a crash by 60 percent.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How are we doing?** (no wrong answer)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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