


Member News

For Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

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Official Notice

2003 Annual Membership Meeting of Members

APRIL 2003

The Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of the members is set to be held at the Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Road in Morehead City, North Carolina, on Thursday May 1, 2003.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year's entertainment will be provided by two local schools, the Havelock Jazz Ensemble and the East Carteret Singers. Carteret-Craven's own Relay for Life fundraising team will provide refreshments in the Family Life Center at Glad Tidings Church. The health screenings area will be open from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Promise Land room and will include glaucoma, blood sugar, and blood pressure screenings.

The business meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the program will include reports from Officers and Committees as well as the selection of three Directors. The Nominations Committee has met and will place into nomination the following members for three-year Directorate terms: Ralph H. Freeman from District #1, Arland L. Bell from District #3, and William Fred Fulcher from District #4. Paul Payne and Barbara Dohlen were nominated by member petition for District #4.

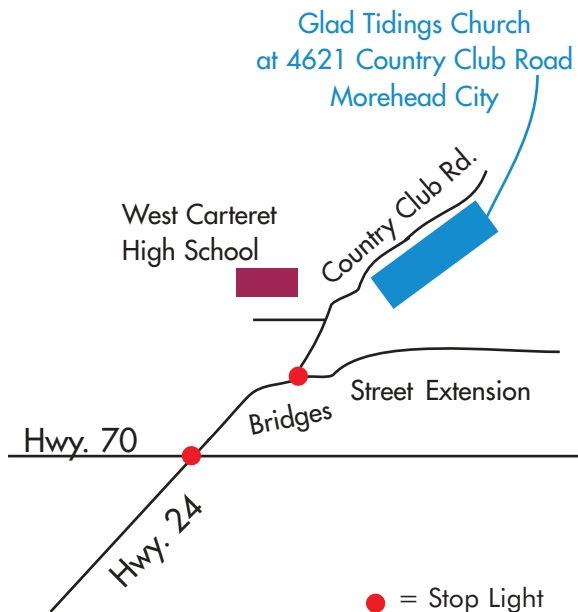
In accordance with the Cooperative Bylaws, when there is more than one nominee for the Board of Directors from one or more directorate districts, voting is done by mail-in ballot which is enclosed with this Notice. To vote, mark your ballot and mail it in the

enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope (only one ballot per envelope) to Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 1499, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557. Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Voting in District 1 and District 3 will not be necessary since both seats are uncontested.

You may submit your ballot in-person or by mail to either of the Cooperative's two offices, Morehead City or Havelock.

Ballots must be received at one of the Cooperative's offices no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2003.

Directional map to the Annual Membership Meeting at Glad Tidings Church, 4621 Country Club Road in Morehead City.





Message From Board President

Roger W. Jones

Our Annual Meeting will be held at a new location this year, which is the Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Road in

Morehead City. Our thought behind this change in location was simple. We needed more room because of the tremendous turnout at last year's Annual Meeting. In an effort to serve you better, this new location will provide the added parking and seating for our members and guests.

As we approach this year's Annual Meeting, our 63rd, I would like to share why we have an annual meeting each year. As a member-owned electric cooperative, you, the member, have a voice in how we conduct the operations of this cooperative. By casting your vote during the election of directors, you are supporting this cooperative. In other words, by electing qualified, local representation to the Board of Directors, you have a voice.

There are three directorial districts whose positions are open for re-election this year.

They are Ralph H. Freeman from District #1, Arland L. Bell from District #3, and William Fred Fulcher from District #4. Neither Ralph H. Freeman nor Arland L. Bell was challenged in their districts therefore, no voting will take place. However, there are three candidates nominated for District #4. The biographies of these candidates, Wm. Fred Fulcher, Paul Payne, and Barbara Dohlen, are on the next page.

As members, this is an important opportunity to have a voice in the overall operations of this Cooperative. Enclosed in this edition of the Member News is a ballot for the election of District 4. Please take a moment to fill it out and either mail or drop it by one of Carteret-Craven's two local offices, Morehead City or Havelock.

Ultimately, the cooperative is ours. Working together is at the heart of cooperatives. We believe in the power of human connections. As your Board member, I am truly interested in what you have to say.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting!

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Biographies of Director Candidates

Ballots must be returned to either Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative offices, Morehead City or Havelock, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

District 4 All members are eligible to vote.



Wm. F. (Fred) Fulcher

When Fred Fulcher was reelected to the Board of Directors for his second term, three years ago, he was committed to providing the most reliable electric service for cooperative (Co-op) members at the lowest possible cost. If re-elected, Fred will continue to be guided by these principles and will continue to take actions that are solely in the best financial interest of the Carteret-Craven EMC members.

Fred has an engineering background that includes over fourteen years employment in the electric utility industry. He graduated from N. C. State University with a BS degree in engineer-

ing and served three years in the U.S. Air Force as an aeronautical engineer. He is a Registered Professional Engineer, and is employed at NADEP, Cherry Point as an Aerospace Engineer in the T45 aircraft engine program.

Fred has been certified, by written examination, as a Credentialed Cooperative Director, through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association thus demonstrating Director competencies, essential for his position on the Board of Directors.

His parents are the late Roy Fulcher of Stacy and Carrie Willis Fulcher of Davis. Fred and his wife Sarah, who retired last year as Media Specialist at Newport Elementary School, are active members of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church where Fred is a teacher in the adult Sunday School class.



Paul Payne

"I am a big supporter of electric co-ops and I wish to represent the consumer on the Board of Directors. Presently, I am a customer both as a homeowner and as a school principal. I appreciate the dependable service, and the dedicated employees of the Cooperative.

I admire a business that provides such strong support to the school system and gives back to the community in so many ways. Living on Bogue Banks since 1989 I can appreciate the unique demands of maintaining power to co-op members and it is my hope to see this good service continue at a fair price."

Paul earned a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching Degree from High

Point University, a Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling, and Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has 33 years of experience as an educator in North Carolina. He is currently Principal of the newly constructed Newport Middle School.

Paul has served on many community committees. He is a member of the Lookout Rotary Club and served as club president in 1999-2000. He is married to Linda Payne, a guidance counselor at West Carteret High School.

"Good leadership starts at the top and that includes the Board of Directors. The Cooperative should be a reflection of the mission, by-laws, the Directors, and the membership. I feel my years of administrative experience would be an asset to the Board of Directors."



Barbara Dohlen

"Best possible electric service for the lowest possible electric rate to the consumer" is my reason to serve on the BOD.

Rural Electric Cooperative and Rural Community Experience includes: National Women's BOD, National Rural Electric

Women's Association; Treasurer, rural hospital BOD.

Current Community Volunteer Service includes: American Red Cross Disaster Services, Coastal Carolina Chapter; Carteret County Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener Volunteer Association-Secretary, and Master Dunes Conservation Class - Co-Project Coordinator. Co-Presenter: Pruning Workshop, NC Aquarium; Horticultural article writer; Co-director Whole Health Resource Network - CAM Health Professionals; Emerald Isle Reforestation/Revegetation Committee - Co-Chairperson Dunes

Sub-Committee; Co-planner "Coastal Dunes and Vegetation Workshop, Preserving The Habitat & A Way of Life."

Professional Work Experience and Education includes: Accountant - Farmers Insurance, Accountant - Preferred Equities Corporation, Real Estate Broker/Owner - Barb Dohlen & Co. Education includes many rural electric cooperative classes and B.A.

My husband, Ross, and I are retired. Ross retired from National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. He was the Regional Vice President on the East Coast serving North Carolina Cooperatives and Cooperatives in several other states.

I would appreciate your vote. If elected, as a member of your nine-member Carteret Craven Electric Cooperative Board of Directors team, I will abide by all Rural Electric Cooperative guidelines, company policies, and Bylaws in order to best represent all members. Thank you for voting and taking part in the cooperative process.

Safety Corner

"Spring has sprung—are you ready for it?"

Spring is the time for many of us to paint, repair or build additions to the house or farm, but be aware of potential safety hazards while you work. Do not let yourself or someone you love get hurt by a simple mistake while beautifying your home and yard. Here are a few tips on how to play it safe this spring.

Cleaning gutters, painting your house and fixing damaged shingles are all spring-cleaning rituals that most people take part. What do all these activities have in common? They all involve the use of a ladder.

If your chore requires the use of a ladder, please survey the work area and look up. Also, remember to carry your ladder horizontally in order to avoid hitting power lines. If your ladder touches an overhead power line, it may result in a severe shock or even death. When climbing a ladder this spring, don't forget to look up and all around!

Spring-cleaning is also a time to pull out your trusty toolboxes and repair your homes. It is vital that you inspect your tools regularly. Prior to using any power tool, give it a quick look over. Check for defects or broken parts. This inspection should include check-

ing the cord for nicks, exposed wiring and broken and/or damaged plugs.

Getting your yard in tip-top shape for summer is also a large part of spring-cleaning. Many people will work hours upon hours in their yards, planting flowers and shrubs, digging up old plants and planting new trees. It is important to note that underground wire installations are becoming more common on today's electrical systems. Don't let your guard down just because the lines are not visible. You may cut or damage the wire while digging up existing plants or planting new ones. Striking an underground wire may cause an outage or worse, you could receive an electrical shock causing injury or even death.

Before digging, call Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative 48 hours before you dig. Our number is 1-800-682-2217. Remember to play it safe during spring cleaning!

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