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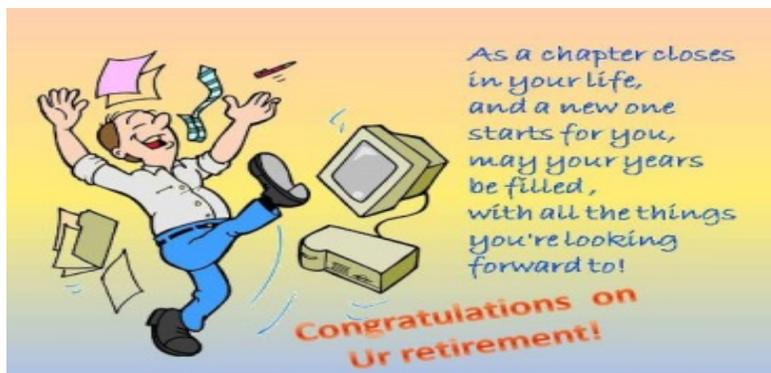
"If you believe that achievement ends with retirement, you will slowly fade away. First of all, keeping the mind active is one way to prolong your life and to enjoy life to its fullest for as long as possible." Byron Pulsifer

LONG TENURED COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEE RETIRES



Emery Owen, Operations Manager, retired May 29, 2015, after 30 years of service to Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. and its members. Mr. Owen started his career on October 1, 1973 at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative in Corona, New Mexico as a service lineman. On January 22, 1985, Emery joined Sierra Electric as a journeyman lineman and was promoted to Operations Manager in 2004. The major challenge he has seen in the cooperative business is the continuation of trying to keep the cooperative as an electric service to the members and not diversify to other products or services. The accomplishment he takes most pride in at SEC was his recommendation to Mr. Gee, former Sierra Electric General Manager, that SEC add the Caballo Substation to increase the reliability and dependability of the cooperative by having two sources of power instead of one for the members.

Emery plans on doing some traveling around the country in his RV along with his wife, Patricia Owen and their dog, Gus. Sierra is grateful for Emery's many years of dedicated service and in doing his part to keep the lights on for Sierra's members. Sierra celebrates his distinguished career and we wish him well in all his future endeavors.



MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD TRUSTEE



Mr. Tom Stroup was elected to the Board of Trustees at the April 1, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Members, filling the vacant seat for the District 2 position, Elephant Butte area, resulting from the retirement of former Trustee, Mr. Jay Seitz. Mr. Stroup has been a member of Sierra Electric for sixteen years, six of those years as a full time resident of Elephant Butte. Mr. Stroup is a native New Mexican, raised on a farm in the southern part of Artesia, New Mexico and was in the flooring business for seventeen years. He served as a trustee for the Lease Lot Holders Association, for seven years and served for 2 ½ years as the Project Manager for the privatization of the lease lots.

Along with his partner, Julie Warrington, Tom enjoys fishing, hunting and anything that has to do with the outdoors. When asked why he was interested in becoming a SEC Board of Trustee, he stated “he has been aware of rural cooperatives, being raised receiving power from Central Valley Electric Cooperative and is aware of the importance of the rural cooperative industry”. Mr. Stroup is looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees as they all work together for the best interest of the membership.



Sierra Electric Education Foundation Awards Scholarships to Local Students

Congratulations to the 2015 Recipients:

Jared Bean-\$1,000 / Ramon Carillo -\$1,000/ Kenneth Swain- \$1,000
McKensy Croom-\$1,000 Jody Dalrymple -\$1,000/ David Gurule -\$1,000
Christian Hopkins-\$1,000/ Limor Johnson-\$1,000 Quinton Montoya - \$1,000
Kayla Richardson-\$1,000/ Sarah Whitehead- \$1,000 (3rd year recipient)

Tri-State G & T 2015 Scholarship Recipients:

Baylee Henderson-\$500.00 Alissya Miyamoto-\$500.00

Basin Electric 2015 Scholarship Recipient:

Caleb Young - \$1,000 (2nd Year recipient)

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