

Dear Member:

Happy New Year! The year 2021 is behind us and we are moving forward. As we prepare for 2022, I am pleased to report your board of directors approved a 2022 working budget.

2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 MEC annual membership meeting is planned for Saturday, May 14. We are hopeful for an in-person meeting this year. We will keep you updated.

District 3 (Crescent), District 4 (Gilchrist), and District 6 (La Pine) are up for election this year. Candidates to represent those districts may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative who reside in that district. Petitions may be obtained at MEC's office and must be filed on or before Thursday, March 3.

For more information about the qualifications and duties of directors, call 541-536-2126, option 5. For detailed descriptions of districts 3, 4, and 6, see page 8.

Last Call - Washington D.C. Youth Tour

MEC will send one student delegate to represent MEC at the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 18-24, 2022. This all expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members.

Call (541) 536-2126 option 5, for additional information. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 31, 2022.

Operation RoundUp®

Midstate Electric's members have the opportunity to be a part of a program called Operation Roundup® that gives back to their local communities. Funds gathered by the program are allocated for many types of worthy projects in Midstate Electric's service area in Deschutes, Klamath, Lake and Lane Counties. Operation Roundup® is administered by the Midstate Electric Charitable Trust, a committee of directors from Midstate Electric's service area, who serve on a voluntary basis.

The electric bills of those members who choose to participate are "rounded up" to the next higher dollar each month. The extra cents collected from each member go into the "Round Up" fund. The average participating member will contribute about 50 cents per month.

Contributions to Operation Roundup® are tax deductible, and we'll note your year-to-date contribution on your December, January, and February electric bill each year. We'll keep you informed in your member newsletter and the Ruralite magazine on the activities of the Midstate Electric Charitable Trust and provide updates on monies awarded. All Operation Roundup® funds stay right here in our communities. Guidelines for awarding this money address special needs for community educational and charitable projects. Political campaigns and issues will not be considered for funding, nor will the funds be used for electric bill relief.

To participate in Operation Roundup®, please call our Member Service Department.

(541) 536-2126 or (800) 722-7219

Applications for grants can be downloaded from our website at: www.midstateelectric.coop/operation-roundupr and dropped off at our office or mailed to: Midstate Electric Cooperative, PO Box 127, La Pine OR 97739. You can also contact the Administrative Assistant for more information (541) 536-7241.

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