



October is National Cooperative Month. Since 1930, Cooperative Month has celebrated the fact that cooperatives make a difference because they are different. Democratically governed businesses, cooperatives are organized under the 7 Cooperative Principles, anchoring them firmly in the communities they serve and ensuring that they are closely regulated by their members.

Seven Cooperative Principles:

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Member's Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training, and Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Commitment to Community

During this year's Cooperative Month, Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA) will focus on two Cooperative Principles, 'education, training, and information' and 'commitment to community'.

Education, Training, and Information

Cooperatives provide education, information, and training for members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperative. Members also inform the general public about the nature and benefits of cooperatives.

CVEA works hard to keep members informed of important things going on in their cooperative. Each year, in April, CVEA holds an Annual Membership Meeting to announce Director election results and update members on the accomplishments

of the past year.

Throughout the year, CVEA includes current information on projects and issues important to the membership on the official CVEA website, cvea.org, and in Ruralite, the CVEA monthly magazine. CVEA also utilizes the local newspapers and radio stations, when necessary, to keep members informed.

CVEA will now take this principle one step further as we implement a new program called the Copper Valley Electric Connections Program. CVEA will be inviting members who have been identified as large stakeholders, opinion leaders, members who are willing to work with the cooperative for mutual benefit, and members who have shown interest in the cooperative in the past to 'get connected' to their cooperative.

This program is intended to keep participants up to date on important projects, update them on industry and legislative issues and give them the opportunity to ask questions, share their opinions, and get involved. It will give interested members the chance to stay connected and make a difference.

We will be kicking off the Connections Program, in October, as part of Cooperative Month. What better way to demonstrate this principle.

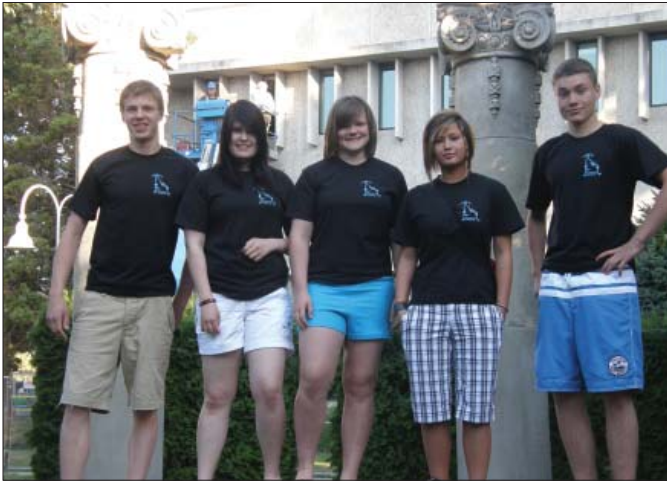
We look forward to getting, and keeping you connected!

Commitment to Community

CVEA has a strong commitment to the communities where our members work and live.

Demonstrating this commitment is a business principle that CVEA practices year round, contributing to the community in countless ways.

To further CVEA's commitment to the community, CVEA created the CVEA Community Foundation in 2006. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide scholarships for students



and contributions to educational, scientific, and charitable organizations within the community.

The CVEA Community Foundation awards thousands of dollars in scholarships, each year, to graduating high school seniors, adults attending Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC), high school sophomores and juniors attending the Idaho Youth Rally Leadership Camp, and to students selected to attend the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

CVEA supports other education and youth programs as well including the PWSCC Annual Scholarship Fundraiser, the Kenny Lake Library Summer Literacy Camp, and the Valdez Science Fair.

The CVEA Community Foundation is funded by capital credits that have escheated back to CVEA, generous donations from CVEA members and vendors, and fundraisers.

This cooperative month, CVEA employees are demonstrating their commitment to community by donating their time, as well as their personal items and baked goods, to raise money for the Community Foundation.

CVEA employees will have a large garage sale and bake sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10, 2010. Come join us at the CVEA Line Shack in Glennallen, next to the Glennallen Diesel Plant, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday.

You can purchase treasures and treats and know that you're helping your community at the same time. All proceeds will go to the CVEA Community Foundation to help fund scholarships and contributions to organizations making a difference within our communities.

In addition, every person making a purchase or donation of \$25 or more will get a door prize ticket and be entered to win a \$50 energy credit!

For additional information on these programs or any other CVEA issues, contact Sharon Crisp, CVEA Manager of Member Services, at 822-5006, 835-7005, or crisp@cvea.org. ■



Top Left: Alaskan representatives at the 2010 Idaho Youth Rally. Top: 2010 CVEA Community Foundation Copper Basin scholarship award winners. Above: Kenny Lake Library Literacy Week campers show off their shark hats during one of their daily activities. Left: CVEA's Manager of Transmission and Distribution, Chris Botulinski, presents Brock Werder with an award for the Best Electrical Project at the 2010 Valdez Science Fair.

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