

80th Annual Meeting Held in Frederick

SWRE members from across the co-op's two-state service territory met in Frederick on August 10 for the organization's 2017 annual meeting. The event was held at the historic Ramona Theatre.

Throughout that day many SWRE members enjoyed eating popcorn and watching classic films at the historic theatre. Vintage films included John Wayne's "King of the Pesos" and popular television programs such as "The Andy Griffith Show" and "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Members also enjoyed exhibits featuring the SWRE app and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

Prior to the brief business meeting, Boy Scout Troop #220 presented the colors for the night's event.

Noelle Fernandez, a senior at Vernon High School, and Payton Morris, a senior at Blair High School, were recognized as the 2017 Youth Tour winners.

In honor of the 80th Anniversary, Dena Northcutt spoke about being the first SWRE Youth Tour winner. Dena was the 1964 winner.

SWRE CEO Ken Simmons recognized several impressive employee milestones and spoke about the early history of SWRE. Simmons also recognized those in the audience over 80 and commended them for laying a strong foundation for those after them. The most advanced audience member, Claudine Duncan, was awarded a gift card from SWRE.

Co-op attorney Loyd Benson led a brief business meeting. A quorum was present for conducting business. A total of 293 voting memberships were represented at the meeting.

High point of the annual event, as always, was a prize drawing. One hundred two prizes were given away, including energy certificates, business gift cards, electric appliances, and over \$2000 worth of donations from SWRE's vendor companies.

The grand prize was a 65-inch VIZIO 4K ultra high definition television. It was won by Richard Fieldhouse, an SWRE member who lives near Vernon.

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TOP: An SWRE family of six spent the afternoon eating popcorn and watching John Wayne, Looney Toons and The Beverly Hillbillies.

MIDDLE LEFT: One SWRE couple was especially delighted to receive their popcorn after registering for the 2017 annual meeting.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Winner of the reserve grand prize \$500 Energy Certificate was SWRE member Tommy Burks of District 5.

BOTTOM: Winner of the grand prize VIZIO 65-inch 4K ultra high definition TV was SWRE member Richard Fieldhouse of Vernon, TX.

SWRE Manager's Report

Annual meeting was great success



I would like to thank each of our members who participated in the 2017 Annual Meeting in Frederick.

It was my pleasure to meet with many of our members from SWRE. I think everyone had a great time enjoying film clips from the 1940's –how could you go wrong with “the Duke”? This was a new type of entertainment for us and we hope it was well received.

In fact, there were a few changes in this year's annual meeting. Your employees and staff at SWRE are continuously striving to make the annual meeting fun, relevant and enjoyable for all of you. If you attended this year's meeting, please be sure and fill out our brief survey, available now on both our website and Facebook page. The survey should only take about five minutes. We value your opinion!

Fill out our short, 10-question survey on this year's Annual Meeting. We want to hear from YOU!

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Speaking of innovations and improvements, you might have heard about our latest project at SWRE. Over the next six months we will begin promoting Operation Round Up, a new opportunity for members of SWRE to positively impact their immediate communities.

Operation Round Up is a program started by Palmetto Electric in South Carolina.

Since 1989, when the program was introduced, the trust has contributed more than \$5.7 million in grants which are made possible by voluntary member contributions.

Participants donate just pennies a month by agreeing to have their electric bills rounded up to the next dollar.

Operation Round Up is an incredibly successful way in which we will be able to help those in need in our communities. Through Operation Round Up, members will have the option to have SWRE automatically round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar. For example, a consumer's monthly bill of \$52.73 would be automatically rounded up to \$53.00, with the additional 27 cents going to the Operation Round Up fund.

Small change doesn't sound like much, but when we combine our small change together we can create big change in an impactful way!

As you can see, Southwest Rural Electric is excited about the implementation of this program. Be on the lookout for more information on how you can participate in this exciting opportunity. We care about our communities and can't wait to give back in a more direct way.

On behalf of the board and employees, thanks for allowing us to serve you!

Kenneth E. Simmons

A thank you to our host community

SWRE would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who made our 2017 annual meeting possible.

- The Ramona Theatre
- Frederick Arts and Humanities Council
- Boy Scout Troop #220
- Community Action Development Corporation
- City of Frederick
- Frederick Chamber of Commerce



Boy Scout Troop #220 presented the colors at this year's annual meeting.

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Vernon – Herring Bank, Waggoner Bank, Bank of the West*

NOTE: When paying at a bank, allow 10 days prior to the bill's due date.

What's Cookin' in the SWRE Kitchen
Grilled Vegetable and Mushroom Kebabs



- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1 in. pieces
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1 in. pieces
- 1/2 of a red onion, cut into 1 in. pieces
- 8 oz. mushrooms
- 1/2 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp. dry herb mixture
- 2 Tbs. fresh herb mixture
- 2 Tbs. olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat grill on high.
2. Cut vegetables to appropriate sizes and place them in a large bowl. Add the olive oil, garlic, dry and fresh herbs and mix to combine.
3. Thread all vegetables onto metal or bamboo skewers. Place kebabs on hot grill for about 15 minutes or until veggies are tender and golden.
4. Garnish with more fresh herbs.

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