

The Lamplighter

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2010 TREWA Scholarship Report

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The scholarship contest is fast approaching, so let's get the word out to our college-bound students!

Our congratulations to the winners, and a big thank you to all that applied !!!

TREWA will award 12 \$1,200 scholarships for the 2010 school year- an increase from years past. We are proud to announce the increase in scholarship money and know we could not have done it without the support from our members!



TREWA Scholarship Eligibility and Procedures

The objective of *Texas Rural Electric Women's Association* (TREWA) is to educate and create interest and understanding of the Rural Electric systems among the members and general public. TREWA members work to present a unified front for the member-owned systems as they improve the quality of life in rural Texas.

1. Twelve TREWA scholarships of \$1,200 each, will be awarded to CURRENT TREWA members and their children. Applicants must be a dependent of a current member or employee of a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives.
2. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.
3. Recipients may choose to attend any accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school or business school of their choice.
4. Courses taken must qualify for credit towards a degree, diploma, certificate or license awarded by an educational institution.
5. Judging is based on the following criteria listed in no specific order: leadership quality; career focus; personal need; energy awareness; essay content and general knowledge of the rural electric program.
6. The selection process will include, but is not limited to: (1) TREWA scholarship application; (2) three letters of recommendation; (3) a current photo; (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, April 1, 2010 to be judged.
7. Half the amount of each award will be distributed at the beginning of the first term or semester, and the second half will be paid at the beginning of the second term or semester. In order for the scholarship payment to be issued, the student must submit proof of enrollment for the current semester to TREWA. Scholarship payments will be sent and made payable to the school the student will attend. **The Scholarship MUST be used the first semester following the awarding of the scholarships.**
8. Should a recipient choose to discontinue his/her education for any reason, the recipient should notify TREWA in writing at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester.
9. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.
10. Applications are available at www.trewa.org or by writing Nan Glaze, TREWA Scholarship Chairman, Cherokee County Cooperative, P.O. Box 257, Rusk, TX 75785 or at nang@cceca.net, or calling 1-800-992-4280 ext. 239.



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Presidents Message by Tracy Chandler



WOW! Another fabulous and wonderful time had by all at the TEC Annual Meeting in Austin this past August!!! We appreciate all of your support while we were selling raffle tickets, chances for Best Buy Gift Cards and our arts and crafts. We were able to raise over \$30,000 with your help. A very special thank you to all of our coopera-

tives and G&T's who showed their support for TREWA in record form! I am truly amazed by this AWESOME number and we are shooting for an even bigger amount in 2010!!!

With the money raised, we were able to increase our donation to Rural Friends/ACRE, increase our scholarship fund, and sponsor an additional t-shirt for Youth Tour. We are very fortunate to have the support of our membership who continues to shine through each year.

Also, a special thank you to Techline, Inc., Co-Bank, TEC Government Relations and US&S

for their very generous donations to TREWA by sponsoring ALL of the VISA Gift Cards that were given away. The bidding on our silent auction heated up the last morning of our meeting and we are very grateful for all of the support shown to TREWA. Many of you donated craft items for this event and we appreciate your talent and effort. We are so thankful to all who helped make this year's meeting a huge success. We could not have done it without your very generous support.

As mentioned earlier, TREWA is very excited to announce that we were able to make a donation of \$12,500 to Rural Friends/Acre, which is an increase from the 2008 donation. We also are increasing the 2010 scholarship amount awarded to \$1,200 for each of the scholarship winners. These donations and scholarships could not be possible without your support, and I personally thank each and everyone of you. Take care, have a wonderful spring and summer, and we will see y'all in August at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in lovely San Antonio.

Raffle item winners at the 2009 Annual Meeting

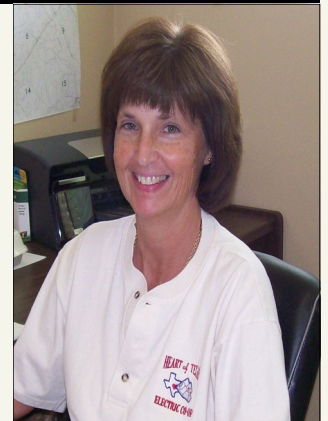
- Group 1 – Dee Dee Lauterbach of Heart of Texas Electric—\$400 VISA Gift Card
- Group 2 – Bennie Kirven of Navasota Valley Electric—Digital Camera
- Group 3 – Jo Nettles of Lyntegar Electric—Wii
- Group 4 – Neil Hesse of Cooke County Electric—Shotgun
- Group 5 – John Fry III of Sunbelt Equipment—Kenneth Wyatt Painting
- Group 6 – Karen Cantrell of United Cooperative Services—iPod with Docking Station
- Group 7 – Basel Gibbs of Panola-Harrison Electric—\$300 Cash

2009 Honorary TREWA Members

At the TREWA Annual Membership meeting in August, we presented two Honorary Memberships to TREWA. Mrs. Karen Culpepper of Wise Electric Cooperative and Ms. Dee Dee Lauterbach of Heart of Texas Electric Cooperative were the recipients of the 2009 Honorary Memberships. These two ladies are truly an asset to TREWA, and we are very fortunate to have them working with us. They are both huge supporters and advocates of TREWA and truly deserving of this award. Thank you to both Karen and Dee Dee for all of your support, and we will look forward to seeing you again at the TREWA booth in August.



Mrs. Karen Culpepper



Ms. Dee Dee Lauterbach

TREWA Membership Report *By Patricia Briscoe*

The TREWA Board of Directors would like to thank you for the continued support that is given to this organization. TREWA membership is open to men and women of rural electric cooperatives. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to *light the lamp of knowledge for the future.*

Membership has its privileges. The children of TREWA members are eligible to apply for our scholarships. In addition, members receive an edition of the *Lamplighter*, published twice a year. Regular membership price is \$10.00 per member

per year. Once again, TREWA is offering memberships at \$8.00 per member to cooperatives that sign up 100 percent of their directors and directors' spouses. To make the offer even better, TREWA is offering membership at \$5.00 per member to cooperatives that enroll 100 percent of their directors, directors' spouses, and employees (or spouse of an employee). We would like to acknowledge and thank the cooperatives that currently have a 100 percent membership: Heart of Texas EC from Group 2, Comanche EC from Group 4 and both Greenbelt EC and North Plains EC from Group 5.

TREWA membership forms are available at the TREWA website: www.trewa.org

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Pictured from left to right: Pat Briscoe, Janell Hubbard, Linda Key, Tracy Chandler, Denise Stewart, Debbie Wright, and seated Nan Glaze. Not pictured: Rickie Warren.

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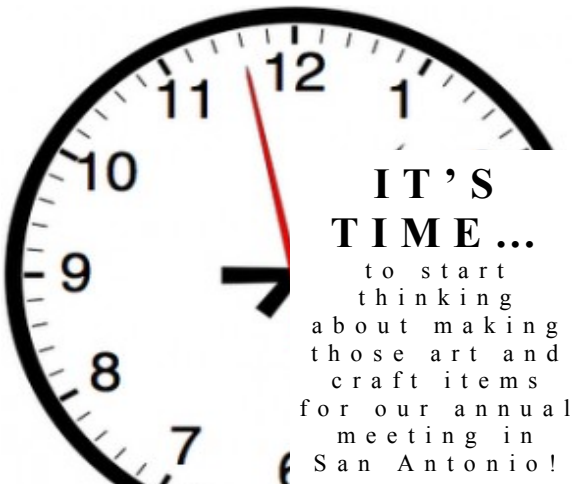


Silent Auction, Art and Craft Sale a SUCCESS!!! By Tracy Chandler

TREWA's Silent Auction and Art and Craft Sale was a huge success this past August during the TEC Annual Meeting in Austin. Many of you donated craft items for this event, and we appreciate your talent and effort in supporting TREWA. To make the 2010 sale even better, we need for you to consider providing more craft items. The proceeds continue to fund scholarships each year and support Rural Friends/ACRE.



To send a craft item or make a donation, mail to Rickie Warren, P.O. Box 1013 Muleshoe, TX 79347. You can also leave your item with any TREWA board member. Again, thank you for your continued support.



Your donated items help provide funds for scholarships and Rural Friends / ACRE.

YES! I'll donate a hand-crafted item to TREWA!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Item donated: _____

Value Amount \$: _____

If you are unable to attend the TEC Annual Meeting and would like to donate a crafted item, please designate someone to bring your item for you:

Name: _____

Return Form to:
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