

# Coast Electric POWER ASSOCIATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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## CEO's message

# Helping you save in 2017

A new year always brings about new changes. At Coast Electric, we have celebrated several retirements recently and will celebrate more in the coming months. Honoring these employees makes me reflect on each of them and the contributions they have made to further the mission and vision of Coast Electric. I am proud to be part of this family of workers who serve their friends and neighbors and make our lives a little brighter. I wish them all the best of luck and hope the next stage of their lives will be full of happiness.



**Robert J. Occhi**  
President and CEO

Last month, I talked to you about making a resolution to save energy and money in 2017. Temperatures were mostly mild in January, leaving winter feeling much more like spring. Remember though, we had a few nights of frigid temperatures where your heating units probably ran non-stop and that will affect your bill. We encourage you to study your bill each

month and use the tools available to you on www.coast-epa.com. For example, on our homepage, there is a button on the bottom right that says "Home Energy Suite." You may have become used to seeing this feature on our site, but have you used it lately? There have been some great improvements that I think you will like. This easy-to-use home analysis tool will help you see where your energy dollars are going and have you can make improvements to lower your bill. We want to be your source for energy efficiency information and hope this is a tool that will help you meet your 2017 energy savings resolutions.

## Tip of the Month



**A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.**

Source: U.S. Department of Energy





# We love our members

## Member Appreciation Day

### Tuesday, Feb. 14

Come feel the love at any of our Coast Electric offices. We will have giveaways and refreshments available for those visiting our offices for our first **Member Appreciation Day.**

(Giveaways and refreshments available on a first-come, first-served basis.)

## Celebrating service to our members

We celebrate the following employees for their many years of dedicated service to Coast Electric and the members and communities we serve.

### 20 years of service:

Patricia J. Gullett  
Archie D. Dickens II  
Rachel D. Holt  
Robert W. Necaize  
Cheryl D. Lizana

### 25 years of service:

Lou B. Collins  
Donnis E. Harvey  
Kevin A. Maurigi

### 30 years of service:

John C. Holston  
Ronald E. Spence  
Albert W. Von Antz IV  
Timothy J. Cameron  
Maurice L. Necaize II  
Regan L. Necaize

### 40 years of service:

Keith Hoda  
Anne H. Stewart  
George W. Malley



# MLK Day of Service

*"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Each January, our country celebrates Martin Luther King Jr., a man who believed in serving with a heart full of love. Coast Electric celebrates the MLK Day of Service by giving back to the communities we serve. Employee volunteers in Kiln and Picayune spent time cleaning up areas of Hwy. 11

and Hwy. 603 for the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Service to our communities is one of Coast Electric's operating principles and we appreciate those who volunteered to help keep our communities looking beautiful!



Seventeen employees in Picayune donned safety vests and gloves to pick up 65 bags of trash on Hwy. 11.

Volunteers collected 51 bags of trash from the stretch of Hwy. 603 that runs from Firetower Road, past Coast Electric's headquarters building and ends close to the Kiln-Delisle Road intersection.



Employee Sonia Mitchell and her fellow volunteers picked up 65 bags of trash along Hwy. 11.



Employees volunteer to participate in an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup during this year's MLK Day of Service.

Coast Electric thanks our dedicated employees for helping our communities during this special day of service.

## Honoring our retirees

This winter, several Coast Electric employees retired after a combined 215 years of service to the cooperative. These employees dedicated their careers to serving the people of south Mississippi and the communities we call home. We are forever grateful to each of these employees for advancing the mission of our cooperative - providing our member-owners superior service and dependable electricity at the lowest possible price and improving the economy and quality of life in our community.



**George Malley**  
District Right of Way Coordinator, more than 40 years of service



**George Piazza**  
Vehicle Parts Coordinator, more than 36 years of service



**Keith Hoda**  
Meter Shop Foreman, more than 40 years of service



**Mike Farmer**  
Service Supervisor, more than 33 years of service



**Paul Baughman**  
Mechanic, more than 31 years of service



**Rosa Jackson**  
Member Service Representative, more than 3 years of service



**Frank Martin**  
Construction Foreman, more than 32 years of service