

OEC Employees Have Selected the 2015 Employee Charity Recipients

Since 2004, Oconto Electric Employee Charity has awarded \$46,000 to charities and organizations. Each spring the Oconto Electric Cooperative (OEC) employees choose a charity to raise money for throughout the year.

Several events are held throughout the summer, with the donations being made to the recipients in late fall. Employees have held charity lunches, jeans days, a raffle and bake sale at the Member Appreciation Picnic, a golf outing, candy bar sale, and the ever popular Bag-Lunch-To-Go in October.

This year OEC asked for grant applications and had a great response. The funds raised will be split between Lena Public Library and Little Hearts for Life, Inc.

Lena Public Library will use the grant money to update their adult and child non-fiction section. The books will range from health, dieting, cookbooks, crafts, decorating, quilting, do-it-yourself projects, autobiographies, poetry and more.



Growing together at Lena Public Library: learning for life!

Lena Public Library belongs to Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLSnet), a consortium of 49 public libraries in northeast Wisconsin. OWLSnet allows library patrons to borrow books, music and movies from other libraries if they are not available at their local library. So not only will Lena benefit from the new books, but so will other neighboring libraries.

Little Hearts for Life, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was started in 2013 by Joel and Ginny O'Harrow of Oconto Falls. In 2009 the O'Harrow's fourth son,

Gannon, was born at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee with a Congenital Heart Defect (CHD). By the time Gannon was 5 months old he had already undergone three

open-heart surgeries and at 14 months of age, he received a heart transplant.

Little Hearts for Life, Inc.'s mission is to bring awareness to and educate the public about CHD, to fund ongoing research, and to ultimately help change lives of those living with congenital heart disease.



Each year, 1 in 100 babies are born with some form of CHD. More babies are born with CHD than all combined pediatric cancers, yet funding for research is minimal. In 2011, the O'Harrow's held a corn roast at their family farm to raise money for continuing research. The event was such a success that it became a yearly event and Little Hearts for Life, Inc. was created (213100). Since 2011 they have raised \$73,000 and given it to Children's Hospital strictly for CHD research.

Past recipients of the OEC Employee Charity include: Oconto Area Humane Society, Kingdom Come Food Pantry, Community Healthcare Foundation, Oconto Falls Friends of the Firefighters, Oconto County Home Respite Care, Oconto County DAV, Old Glory Honor Flight, Oconto County K9 Unit, St. Anthony School Fire Fund, Panther Pride, Lena High School Tech Ed, Gillett High School Tech Ed, and Coleman High School Tech Ed. ■



A bake sale is held at the Member Appreciation Picnic.

28th Annual Member Appreciation Picnic

Saturday, August 1 • Serving 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Registration cards for door prizes will be inserted in the July electric bills.

**Brats, hot dogs, beans, chips, pickles, cheese curds,
ice cream, cookies, soda, milk and coffee.**

**Capital credit checks will be distributed
for money accrued in 1995.**

2015 EMPLOYEE CHARITY RAFFLE

First Prize – \$200 cash

Second Prize – \$75 bill credit

And numerous other prizes

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

**All proceeds will be donated to Lena Library &
Little Hearts for Life, Inc.**

**Petting
Zoo**

**Face
Painting**

**Kids
Games**

**Door
Prizes**

Capital Credits to be Paid

Capital Credits are earned by every member based on how much power was consumed during the year. The money comes from margins that OEC generates from that year. Although the money is allocated to the members, the co-op's board of directors makes the decision when the money is to actually be paid out. Typically, OEC pays out capital credits for the oldest year, which is 20 years ago.

This year OEC will be paying out capital credits from 1995. If you have capital credits of less than \$25 you will receive a credit on your electric bill. If it is \$25 or more, you will receive a check in August. If you would like to pick up your check at the Member Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 1, you can do that. Any checks that are not picked up at the picnic will be mailed the following week. ■

The Winners Are...



Veronica Alberts
3rd Grade
Lena Elementary School
Mrs. Gard



Ben Sobeck
4th Grade
Lena Elementary School
Mrs. Gard



Alexis Euclide
5th Grade
Abrams Elementary School
Mrs. Ingram

In May, Oconto Electric Cooperative held its 15th Annual Electric Safety Poster Contest. The contest was open to students in third, fourth and fifth grades. One winner per grade was selected, and each winner's class received a pizza party. Posters were voted (162200) on by OEC employees. Congratulations to the winners!

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION AND SUMMER SALES EVENT

PUBLIC WELCOME!

SUMMER OF SHARING

CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES

FREE FOOD!

July 18th from 9 am-2 pm
FOOD, SPECIAL DEALS, PRIZE DRAWINGS, ETC.

OCONTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE **Cellcom** 5 STAR AGENT **radioshack**

... LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE ...

OEC's office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

OEC's RadioShack store located on Highland Drive in Oconto Falls will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Team OEC
We Got
the
Power!



A group of OEC employees participated in the 1st Annual Dash O.F. Color 5k run/walk/crawl on May 23, 2015 in Oconto Falls. The event was hosted by the Oconto Falls Lioness Club. Money raised will go back into the community.

"Team OEC We Got the Power!" won first place for most colorful outfits.

HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

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TRANSFORMER
TURBINE
WATER
POWER LINE

Hidden Account Numbers

Oconto Electric Cooperative hides two account numbers in the local pages of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* each month. If you spot your account number, call our office before you receive the next issue, and OEC will give you a \$15 credit on your electric bill or a \$25 credit if you have a load management receiver. The June account numbers belonged to Soren Sorlie, Cecil and Robert L. Gering, Stiles.

OEC Insight



Pam Langlay Recently Recognized for 35 Years of Service

August 1, 1979, Pam Langlay started her career at OEC. Since 2013 she has been the smiling face behind the front counter greeting members and answering the phones. Pam's vast knowledge of the co-op not only comes with 35 years of service, but the fact that she has worked in numerous departments including operations, marketing, and member services.

Coworkers describe Pam as deeply commitment to our members, patient, and kind.

As Pam would say, "Life is good at OEC!" Congratulations Pam!



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