



JOEMC Member Newsletter January 2017



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## Plans now underway for 2017 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 31, as plans are now being made for Jones-Onslow's Annual Meeting of Members.

This event will take place at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds, located at 146 Broadhurst Road, in Jacksonville. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting will get started at 7 p.m.

The Annual Meeting is an event for the entire family. It provides the opportunity for members to learn firsthand about the cooperative, the various services offered, and Jones-Onslow's role in mak-

ing our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Special entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and, as has become a tradition, drawings will be held during the event with hundreds of dollars worth of gifts to be given away.

So make plans for you and your family to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members.▼

### Energy Efficiency

#### Tip of the Month



According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average household owns 24 consumer electronics products, which are responsible for 12 percent of household electricity use. ENERGY STAR-certified audio/video equipment is up to 50 percent more efficient than conventional models.

*Source: EnergyStar.gov*

### Seven cooperative principles

Electric cooperatives are private, independent electric utilities, owned by the members they serve. As democratically governed businesses, electric cooperatives are organized under seven guiding principles, anchoring them firmly in the communities they serve and ensuring they are closely regulated by their consumers.

As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, Jones-Onslow operates on the Seven Cooperative Principles. Starting this month, and continuing during the year, we will highlight each of these principles. ►

#### 1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP



Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## Improve home efficiency: A resolution with a big impact

**E**at more vegetables. Eat less chocolate. Exercise three times per week. Stop swearing. New Year's resolutions give us the opportunity to start fresh and consider changes to our habits that lead to personal improvement. But what if our personal resolutions had a bigger impact?

There's one that can – a resolution for a more energy efficient 2017.

Collectively, small changes add up to big savings, and a resolution for improved efficiency at your home could benefit not just your personal budget but also the environment. ▼

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Calling all high school juniors



**S**ay yes, to spending a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States!

Each year, JOEMC sponsors four rising high school seniors on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. The

program, which helps young people learn about cooperatives and the co-op way of doing business, allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community. Many past participants have used their experiences to provide leadership when returning to their schools and communities.

Jones-Onslow's Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic. A representative from Jones-Onslow will be visiting local high schools during the month of January to promote the contest. You can also call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 and speak with the cooperative's youth tour coordinator, Paula Redick. ►

## Tips for a more efficient 2017

### Make power strips work for you

Plugged-in appliances and electronics use small amounts of power even when they are turned off. This is called phantom energy use, and it can be eliminated—in the flip of a switch—if your electronics are plugged into a power strip. According to Energy.gov you can save \$100 per year by using power strips to reduce phantom load. Just be careful to never overload a power strip.

### Use sunlight to help heat your home

On bright, sunny, winter days, open your blinds or curtains to let the natural light from the sun warm up your home. Be sure to close your window treatments as the sun begins to set.

### Save hot water in three ways

It takes energy to heat water, and you can save energy by: 1) Adjusting your water heater's setting to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. If you've never adjusted it, chances are it is set at 140 degrees. 2) Installing low-flow showerheads, which will help not only with your energy bill for heating the water, but also with your water bill because you'll use less! 3) Washing clothes in cold water.

### Be smart about your thermostat

You can save as much as 10 percent on heating and cooling per year by turning your thermostat back 7-10 degrees for eight hours a day in the winter. You can set a smart or programmable thermostat to do this automatically or be diligent about your manual thermostat when you're away from home or at night.

### Understand more about your home energy use

Knowledge is power, and JOEMC's website lets you perform an energy audit on your home so you can see just where you're spending your energy dollars. Or, if you prefer, you can schedule a time for a co-op employee to come to your home and perform a FREE energy audit for you.

# 2017 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in District One, District Two and District Three. This committee is scheduled to meet on February 23, 2017. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

<b>DISTRICT ONE:</b>	Mr. Charles Darden 148 Leslie Court Hubert, NC 28539	Mr. Roger Edens 109 Swan Point Road Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460	Mr. John Stanley 205 Madison Court Swansboro, N.C. 28584
<b>DISTRICT TWO:</b>	Mrs. Pansy Horne 1810 Haw Branch Road Beulaville, N.C. 28518	Mr. Ronald Pittman 1079 Gregory Fork Road Richlands, N.C. 28518	Mr. Thomas Humphrey 148 Briarneck Road Jacksonville, N.C. 28540
<b>DISTRICT THREE:</b>	Mr. Mike Haddock 2314 Wyse Fork Road Trenton, N.C. 28585	Mr. Franklin Andrews 437 Stroud Road Trenton, N.C. 28585	Mr. Michael Meadows 663 Island Creek Road Pollocksville, N.C. 28573

## Summary of bylaws pertaining to the Annual Meeting

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Election in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of ten (10) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) Directors. One (1) of the cooperative's Directors shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may reside anywhere within the Cooperative service territory. The other nine (9) directors shall be nominated and elected so that at least three (3) but not more than four (4) shall be residents of each of the Cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts, which are as follows: District Number One—those areas served by the Cooperative in Pender, Onslow, Carteret and Craven counties and which lie on the eastern side of U.S. Highway No. 17; District Number Two—those areas served by the Cooperative in Duplin County and in Pend-

er and Onslow counties on the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17; and District Number Three—those areas served by the Cooperative in Lenoir County and Jones County, and the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17 in Craven County. The one (1) "At-Large" Director shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may be a resident of any of the foregoing three geographic Directorate Districts, even if the result is to give one District more than four Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts, and who (a) are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for directors; and (b) are not close relatives or members of the same household of any such person. The Nominating Committee shall serve three (3) year terms and shall not be permitted to serve consecutive terms. Members may be reappointed to the Nominating Committee so long as they do not serve two (2) consecutive terms. This Committee shall be appointed so that three (3) members are appointed and consist of one (1) member from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts and the following year three (3) members are appointed consisting of one (1) member per directorate district and so on. In the event that a member of the Nominating Committee is unable or unwilling to serve a full three (3) year term then the Board shall appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired term created by the vacancy. In such cases the new appointee shall be eligible for re-election at the conclusion of the unexpired term. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal and all district offices of the Cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district from which a director must or may, pursuant to this article, be elected at the meeting. The committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which

nominees are opposed with respect to the same directorate district, or as between two or more districts; provided, it shall not make a nomination until it shall have first determined that the nominee is qualified to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 and, if elected, will serve.

Any three percent (3%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.

A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.

Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws. ►

## What you're missing at the annual meeting



Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership?

Jones-Onslow's purpose is to confirm the election of the board of directors, share important financial information, learn about

programs and services available from the cooperative, and of course—win some great door prizes!

JOEMC's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors—or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the “errands of life” and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Jones-Onslow to bring together all members of our local communities.

While folks in our community probably do a better job of staying connected to their neighbors, it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand truly lifts both parties.

JOEMC's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have not attended your annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members. We get out of life what we put into it. Jones-Onslow is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting on Friday, March 31, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairground in Jacksonville.

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO



## Hot & Spicy Beef Stew

### Ingredients:

1 lb. beef stew cubes	1 cup green beans, sliced
2 large onions, diced	1 to 2 tsp hot sauce
1 (28 oz.) can tomatoes, undrained	½ cup green peas
½ cup okra, sliced	½ to 1 tsp chili powder
½ cup frozen butter-beans	½ cup corn
4 cups potatoes, diced	1 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
1 cup carrots, sliced	¾ cups celery, chopped
1 (48 oz.) can vegetable juice	2 tsp sugar
	1 tsp salt
	½ tsp pepper

### Directions:

Combine beef and tomatoes in large dutch oven. Bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Serves 10 to 12

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Douglas Parker  
Dale Powell

#### • District Two

Iris Horne  
John Pierce (Chairman)

#### • District Three

Horace Phillips (Vice Chairman)  
Thomas Waller (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Robert Daugherty

#### • Chief Executive Officer

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