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**GVEC ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD**

At this year's GVEC Annual Meeting, held June 27 at the Gonzales High School, 8,030 GVEC members were represented, either present or by proxy.

At the meeting, three directors were elected to a three-year term on the GVEC Board of Directors. Lewis Borgfeld, of Schertz, will serve as Director of District 2, W.A. Lott, of Nixon, will represent members in District 5, and David Dennis, of Cibolo, will represent members in GVEC District 8.

GVEC members began registering at 5:30 p.m. and were welcomed with soft drinks and chili dogs. The registration portion of the meeting also featured an exhibit booth by GVEC Home Services and GVEC.net, both of which are celebrating anniversaries this year. GVEC Home Services is celebrating 40 years of sales and service of water heaters and heating and cooling systems and 10 years of appliance sales. GVEC.net is celebrating 10 years of providing Internet service.

Those attending the meeting also enjoyed country-western musical entertainment by Ken Brothers of West Point.

The business meeting was called to order by GVEC President Lewis Borgfeld, followed by the invocation, given by GVEC Administrative Division Manager Jim Springs.

Next on the agenda was a video presentation of reports to the membership. This year's video report consisted of questions posed by GVEC members and answers provided by the GVEC staff and Board. The video included information about how the Cooperative is doing financially as well as what is being done to control expenses in the current environment of rising costs. The video report also addressed how GVEC is managing the growth that is occurring across the western portion of the service area and how renewable energy can play a part in managing the future energy needs of GVEC members.

At the conclusion of the video presentation, General Manager Darren Schauer reiterated that due to the rising costs of generating electricity, rates will increase for the Cooperative membership beginning with the August bills. Schauer told the crowd, "The fact is costs are going up all around us as all of you know and as all of you are experiencing. We encourage you to conserve energy where you can and to take advantage of our conservation programs that we have in place." He continued, "For our part, we will continue to work with our suppliers to ensure the cost of power is kept as low as possible."

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting was the presentation of the GVEC Public Service Award, which was given to Operation Homefront in

Schertz. Jennifer Cernoch, Chapter President of Operation Homefront of Texas, was present to accept the award on behalf of the organization. GVEC presented the award to Operation Homefront in recognition of the contribution to military personnel and their families in our area. In 2007, the Texas chapter of the organization provided assistance to more than 8,000 military individuals through their programs.

GVEC serves 63,000 accounts in portions of Bexar, Caldwell, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Victoria and Wilson counties.

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GVEC General Manager Darren Schauer addressed the membership at the GVEC Annual Meeting held on June 27, 2008.



Twenty attendance prizes were awarded at the GVEC Annual Meeting held on June 27, 2008. The 1st Prize of \$1,000 was awarded to Joyce Jalufka of Shiner.



Hundreds of GVEC members attended the GVEC Annual Meeting on June 27, 2008, where they enjoyed musical entertainment, hot dogs and attendance prizes and learned about Cooperative business.