Along These Lines

Wally Taillon keeps the hot jambalaya flowing for charity throughout the year.
President’s Report

By Richard Sitman
DEMCO Board President

DEMCO continues on its mission despite recent challenges

The President’s Report is offered to the membership each year as a review of DEMCO’s operations and highlights the efforts taken by your cooperative to keep reliable service and stay financially secure.

In 2016, DEMCO saw many challenges and met them as a powerful force and as a cooperative family.

The floods that hit our service territory in March and August were damaging to our infrastructure and caused widespread outages, but they did not break our spirit of service to our members.

As many members continue to pick up the pieces of their damaged homes and properties, we too continue to serve them as best we can.

Your locally-owned electric cooperative continues to bring reliable power to over 108,000 meters on a system that spans seven parishes. This represents a positive growth of membership and service. It is this quality product that will enable your cooperative to grow as it reaches cities, towns and rural communities with the same reliability.

Through this growth and these recent challenges, we will not waver and will continue to bring safe, reliable and affordable power to our members.

As we continue to seek opportunities to serve our members, we are humbled by the opportunity to serve all of our members. As DEMCO continues to grow, it will keep the utmost concern for the members we serve.

Moreover, we will continue to utilize a power delivery system that will save our members’ money. When we can bring additional accounts and members online it allows us to keep costs down for all members, new and those that have been served by DEMCO for decades. Each member is important to us.

A review of DEMCO’s 2016 system statistics shows a year that dips in sales growth, but not in the amount of members served or infrastructure. This strategic growth allows us to serve where the need is the greatest.

DEMCO’s kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales went from 2,143,453,882 in 2015 to 2,130,429,844 in 2016. The number of members billed increased from 106,226 in 2015 to 108,278 in 2016. Total miles of line in operation showed an average of 8,406 miles by the end of 2015, and by the end of 2016 totaled 8,467 miles.

We are honored as your board of directors to represent the membership of DEMCO through 2016. We are also proud of the reactions of so many employees, family and friends, who stepped up and made a difference during the great challenges of 2016. We hope to do our small part while we continue to deliver to you the quality service you expect through the delivery of safe, reliable and affordable power that has made this electric cooperative as strong as it is today.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Steve Irving, Dennis Lott and Faye Morris for their re-election to another three-year term on our board to serve the DEMCO members of their respective districts.

Moreover, I would like to personally thank the members I have the pleasure of representing in District 10 for choosing to re-elect me to serve them for another term.

Also, it is my pleasure to serve all DEMCO members as the president of the board. In all that matters, we appreciate the support shown to us from the members of this cooperative.

Through this growth and these recent challenges, we will not waver and will continue to bring safe, reliable and affordable power to our members.

Please move over for emergency and utility crews

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible. Together, we can keep our crews safe.

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ON THE COVER - Wally Taillon is president of the Gonzales Jambalaya Festival, but he and other members of the organization cook for charitable organizations throughout the year. For more on this story, see page 4.
DEMCO linemen receive advanced training

DEMCO linemen recently completed various levels of the Louisiana Lineman Training Program administered by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge. DEMCO places a priority on maintaining the highest safety standards to protect, employees, members and the public at-large. The linemen shown at left completed Module 1 of the program: Orlando Hill, Brister Dupont, Aaron Guitreau, Dante Homes, Madris Trout, Mike Doughty, Tyler Keefer, Luke Butler and Craton Templeton.

DEMCO board elects slate of officers at annual meeting

DEMCO’s Board of Directors elected its officers at an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the 2017 annual membership meeting.

Richard Sitman, St. Helena Parish, will continue to serve as president; Steve Irving, East Baton Rouge Parish, vice president; and Dennis Lott, Livingston Parish, secretary-treasurer.

Sitman joined the DEMCO Board of Directors in 1987 and has served as the Board’s president since 1998. Prior to his appointment as president, Sitman served on numerous standing committees.

Besides his interest in DEMCO, Sitman is also a member of the CoBANK Board of Directors. CoBANK, a financial institution based in Denver, is one of the nation’s largest financing agencies for agriculture-related cooperatives.

Sitman is a native of St. Helena Parish and a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University. He is the owner and operator of a small business in the Town of Greensburg.

As president of the DEMCO Board, Sitman is the principal executive officer of the corporation and presides over all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors.

Elected to the position of vice president is Irving. Steve Irving was elected to the DEMCO Board of Directors in 1987. A native of Alexandria, he attended LSU-A and the University of Alabama. Irving currently serves as chairman of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

In 1971, Irving moved to Baton Rouge and enrolled at LSU Law School. In 1981, he entered his private law practice in Baton Rouge on a full-time basis. He has been widely recognized for his efforts on environmental cases.

Lott was elected secretary-treasurer of the Board. Lott was appointed to the DEMCO Board of Directors in March of 2009 and later received his Director Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

He is currently a member of the Board’s Finance Committee and the Rate Committee.

Lott is a lifelong resident of Livingston Parish and retired as an employee at DEMCO in March of 2007 after 35 years of service to the membership.

He and his wife, Darlene, have two children and six grandchildren.
The Gonzales Jambalaya Festival Association’s 50th anniversary event is in the record books, but that doesn’t mean the work is done.

From the perspective of Association President Wally Taillon, the annual street party and cook-off is a super showcase of South Louisiana culture. But there’s a bigger goal on the horizon.

Taillon explained that once the bands finish playing, the competitive chefs pack up their gear and the carnival leaves town, the Association gets busy using the proceeds from the event to serve meals to dozens of charitable organizations throughout the year.

Just about every conceivable non-profit and charitable group in and around the Gonzales area has benefited from the Association’s efforts to provide free jambalaya meals at banquets, luncheons and socials.

Taillon estimates the Association cooks at more than 40 functions each year – all made possible from proceeds generated by the Jambalaya Festival.

Last year’s list of organizations includes the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Dreams Come True, Gonzales Police Department, Red Cross, United Way, Quad Area Food Distribution and many more.

“The Festival is a lot of fun, but once we’re done with it our real task is to support these various groups in our community, from youth-related groups to seniors and law enforcement and churches and schools and everywhere there’s a need,” Taillon said.

The job will be made a bit easier this year after the Association constructed a building to house its operations after wandering in the figurative desert for the past five decades.

After so many years of working out of any facility that was available, the Association now has a free-standing building located on Bayou Francois across from the Festival site. The building is equipped with a fully-appointed kitchen, an open area for an entertainment stage, indoor seating for more than 100 guests and ample storage space for cooking utensils and supplies.

Serving the community is a true labor of love for Taillon, who has a hand in just about every Association project and is quick to point out that no one involved with the Association “gets a penny” for their efforts. In addition to the Association’s work, Taillon also prepares meals as part of his own private catering business.

One of those events is the annual New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, where he is one of the preferred food vendors invited to serve the hungry throngs of music lovers who descend upon the Fair Grounds each spring.

Somehow, he also finds time to serve on the board of the DEMCO Foundation, which provides financial assistance to individuals and families on a case-by-case basis. The Foundation is endowed by contributions from the cooperative’s Operation Round Up program, whereby members opt to “round up” their monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar amount. The Foundation recently reached the $5 million mark in financial disbursements.

“Being part of the DEMCO Foundation is an honor for me,” Taillon said. “DEMCO is an electric co-op owned by its members and they really believe in serving people and making our community a better place to live. They do a fantastic job not only in providing electricity but also in having a positive impact on the lives of our people.”

When it comes to cooking, Taillon said he learned the craft while “hanging iron” at plants located along the Mississippi. He quickly discovered that a savory meal was good for team morale, good for building relationships and good for business. His fellow employees were quick to offer opinions on the flavor of his jambalaya, which helped him refine his recipe over the years.

Now eight years into retirement, Taillon won his first Jambalaya Festival title in 1993 and became president of the Association in 1999.

Winning the Festival competition is no accident, Taillon said. The best competitors must be on top of their game.

To level the playing field, every entrant gets the same amount of Mahatma rice, Manda sausage, chicken, vegetables and spices, and three hours to cook. Judges check for the consistency and texture of the rice, the blending of seasonings, the preparation of the vegetables and the flavor of the meat.

Contestants simply bring their pots and stands, their paddles and utensils... and also their experience.

This year’s winning team was Kade Lanoux and Tyler Billingsly, while the reigning Miss Jambalaya Gonzales was Alyssa Latuso.

Also in the field of competitive chefs this year was Hoss Reine, a winner in 2014 and 2016. Reine first entered the contest in 2000 and struggled for over a decade to finally win.

“You have to stay consistent,” Reine said. “There’s a method to the madness, but it’s a lot of fun because we see all the same people at these events and it’s a friendly competition. All those guys tell me they’re coming to get me every year. I just tell them to make sure they have their game face on.”

The annual Festival is certainly good fun, but the Jambalaya Association’s ongoing efforts to support charitable organizations is also a force for good for the citizens of Gonzales and beyond.
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DEMCO sponsors Motorman 5K and Deputy Dash

DEMCO was on hand last month to participate in the Motorman 5K Race and One-Mile Deputy Dash. The event held at Zachary High School raised funds for East Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Bruce Simmons and his fellow officer Nick Tullier. The two officers were injured last summer during a sniping incident on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge.

A Field Guide to Overhead Power Lines

High-voltage transmission lines are used to deliver electricity from generation plants to consumers.

HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES
Large amounts of power, measured by watts, are delivered by transmission lines. These lines are energized with very high voltage in order to move the power long distances with minimal losses. Insulators on the towers prevent the power from flowing to the towers or the ground.

**Electric cooperatives own and maintain 65,000 miles (6 percent) of the nation’s transmission lines.**

SUBSTATIONS AND SUB-TRANSMISSION LINES
Transformers at transmission substations reduce the voltage from transmission levels to sub-transmission levels, typically ranging from 115,000 volts to 34,500 volts. Sub-transmission lines deliver power over shorter distances to distribution substations and large industrial sites. At distribution substations and large industrial sites, transformers reduce the voltage to a lower level, typically 7,200 volts or 14,400 volts.

**Electric cooperatives own and maintain 2.6 million miles (42 percent) of the nation’s distribution lines.**

DISTRIBUTION LINES
The lines typically seen along rural roads and next to homes are generally single phase distribution lines, energized at 7,200 or 14,400 volts. Transformers on the utility poles lower the voltage to between 120 and 480 volts to serve residential homes and small businesses.

Through DEMCO’s upgraded automated phone system, members can conveniently make payment arrangements **24/7**. That’s just one more way DEMCO is making its members’ lives a little easier.

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*Certain restrictions apply.*
The DEMCO Foundation, established in 1997, is a charitable organization that assists DEMCO members in their times of need. It is funded by DEMCO members, volunteers, and contributions. The Foundation provides assistance in various ways, such as helping members pay medical or pharmacy bills, purchasing necessities like food and clothing, and offering special assistance during times of emergency such as hurricanes, fires, floods, or other natural disasters.

“The expense of school uniforms and supplies can place a burden on families with low income,” says Chanon Johnson, Case Manager for the DEMCO Foundation. “Many families find it difficult to make ends meet each month, so we help families who have school-aged children purchase school uniforms for 2017-18. Special assistance is also available in times of emergency such as the aftermath of a hurricane, fire, flood, or other natural disaster.

“Helping to purchase school uniforms is just another one of the many ways that the DEMCO Foundation provides assistance to DEMCO members and helps make our community a better place to live,” says Johnson. (Acct. No. 80170613-003)

Established in 1997, the DEMCO Foundation is funded through a program called Operation Round Up® where DEMCO members volunteer to “round up” their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The overage amount, which averages $.50 cents per bill and only $6.00 per year, is then used by the DEMCO Foundation to assist other DEMCO members in their times of need.

To receive an application for assistance provided through the DEMCO Foundation, please call (225) 262-2141, or log on to www.demco.org, click “Community,” “DEMCO Foundation,” then “Application for Assistance.” Applications must be received by July 7, 2017.

In 1997, DEMCO established the DEMCO Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to assisting DEMCO members in need. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided assistance in many ways and has impacted the lives of families and individuals throughout DEMCO’s seven-parish service area.

As part of its continuing mission, the Foundation initiated a scholarship program.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program is to provide assistance to DEMCO members who are seeking to better themselves through attending a university, trade school, vocational or technical schools, community college and/or other forms of educational programs in the state of Louisiana.

**TERMS**

The deadline for scholarship applications is the third Thursday in June for the Fall Semester and the third Thursday in December for the Spring Semester. The DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program will award several scholarships in the amount of $1,250. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined after all scholarship applications are received. Funds are to be used for payment of educational expenses such as tuition, books, and fees. Payment of scholarships will be made directly to the applicant’s school of attendance.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant must be a DEMCO member, as defined by DEMCO Foundation Bylaws (see definition below).
- Applicant must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Applicant must plan to attend a trade school, vocational or technical school, community college or other such Louisiana institution.
- Applicant must submit a completed DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Application and all supporting documentation to the DEMCO Foundation office. The application package should include the following:
  - a 2.5 cumulative GPA on an overall 4.0 scale
  - a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation of which none can be from a family member, DEMCO board member or DEMCO Foundation board member.
  - an acceptance letter from the school of choice for first time or transferring students
  - a cover letter by the applicant detailing reasons for consideration

**SCHOLARSHIP LIMITATION**

Recipients are eligible to apply for a maximum lifetime scholarship award of four (4) semesters per individual.

Excerpt from **ARTICLE II, DEMCO Foundation Bylaws**

**Definition of DEMCO Member:**

- A natural person who is a member of DEMCO.
- A natural person who is a member of Dixie Electric Membership Corporation and the overall 4.0 scale.
Wish Dad a Happy Father’s Day before we reach the End of Men

by Billy Gibson

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The next meeting of the DEMCO Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 6 p.m. Board meetings are held at DEMCO’s headquarters facility located at 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, La.

Keep Your Underground Utility Cabinet Clutter-free

Beautifying our homes is important to many of us. If your home is served by an underground electric cable, you may be tempted to hide the accompanying transformer cabinet from sight by planting shrubs or flowers around it. Please refrain from doing so.

Aside from the possibility of damage from overheating, it also is important that you avoid covering or blocking the cabinet to ensure that DEMCO employees can easily access it for maintenance and repairs. Shrubs and other structures must be at least 10 feet away from the door opening and 3 feet away from all sides of transformers.

Digging or working close to the unit can be dangerous and life-threatening. These cabinets contain high-voltage lines that should be avoided. We ask that you emphasize the dangers of these units to your children and family members, and keep them away.

For the safety of your family and ours, please abide by our underground equipment policy. Give transformer cabinets a wide berth and keep them free from debris and coverings.

For questions or concerns, please contact us at DEMCO.

Saving in the Laundry Room

Homemakers typically spend about $2,000 every year on energy bills. The following tips can help you save energy and money while doing your laundry.

- Look for the Energy Star rating when replacing your clothes washer and dryer.
- Clothes washers that have earned Energy Star approval use about 45 percent less water and 25 percent less energy than a standard model, saving you about $45 a year on utility bills.
- Replacing your old clothes dryer with a new Energy Star-certified model can save you $245 over its lifetime.

Set appliances to the most energy efficient settings.

- Washing clothes in cold water only will save about $66 per year.
- Use the lowest water setting to save more than 1,200 gallons of water per year.

Use the following simple methods to save when doing your next load of laundry:

- Always wait for a full load to run the wash. Reducing the total number of loads each year by 25 percent could save you 3,227 gallons of water.
- Clean the lint trap between loads. This improves air circulation and increases the efficiency of the dryer.
- Air-dry clothes outside during warmer months or on an inside drying rack to save energy by not using a dryer.

Lucky Account Number Contest

The Lucky Account Number Contest continues this month with four winners included in this edition of Along These Lines. Before you continue looking through this edition for your winning number, look for your account number printed above your mailing address. Locate this number anywhere in this issue and win the $25 prize. To claim your prize, please call 225-262-3072.
Make plans now to respond to the threat of hurricanes in the months ahead

Every year, from June through November, Louisiana faces the threat of hurricanes.

While coastal communities are most vulnerable, inland areas of the state also are at risk. To survive a hurricane, Louisianans should know the dangers they face and prepare early.

Make an Evacuation Plan
Preparation is key to staying safe during a hurricane. Follow these tips to make an evacuation plan now:

Plan your evacuation route ahead of time. Fill up your car’s gas tank before leaving and pack plenty of snacks and water for a long trip.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit with essential items such as water, food, medications and copies of important documents.

Be sure to plan for family members who are elderly, young or have special health care needs. Don’t forget to plan for your pets, too.

Early in the season, be sure your insurance policy is up to date, and keep a copy of it in your document bag.

Remove tree limbs that could fall on your home. If you live in a mobile home, secure it with tie-downs.

Board up windows and doors. Move patio furniture, barbecue grills, potted plants and other loose objects indoors.

Follow the advice of local officials about whether to turn off gas and electricity before leaving.

Avoid Injuires When Returning
Dangers such as high water, downed electrical power lines and broken gas mains are major safety threats after hurricanes. Wait for public officials to give the all-clear before returning home. Once home, follow these precautions:

- Use extreme caution when entering damaged homes or structures.
- Beware of unstable trees and limbs. Falling tree limbs are a major cause of injury and death after hurricanes.
- Downed power lines are a serious hazard. Never touch downed power lines or any objects that are in contact with them, including water.
- Do not enter flooded homes if the electricity could still be on. Report electrical hazards to authorities.
- If you smell gas, call the gas company. Do not smoke, light candles or use matches near gas leaks.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, long sleeves and gloves when cleaning up.
- Help avoid injuries when using chainsaws and power tools by learning how to operate them properly, and always follow recommended safety procedures.
- Use battery-powered flashlights and lanterns instead of candles.

Year in Review: Meeting the challenge of the 2016 flood

January 2016
DEMCO was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Wreaths Across America program. 2016 marks the 5th year the cooperative has supported this effort to honor military veterans by laying a wreath at their grave sites.

February 2016
It was the pleasure of the DEMCO Cooking Team to be invited to serve its award-winning jambalaya to students and guests of the North Shore Technical College, Florida Parishes Campus in Greensburg. The team joined the college in celebrating Community College Day.

March 2016
DEMCO employees from all departments were on hand at the Capital Region Builders Association’s 2016 Building and Remodeling Show. Hundreds of DEMCO members and other participants visited the booth to learn more about the cooperative and its offerings.

April 2016
On April 18, DEMCO joined hundreds of electric cooperatives around the country in showing appreciation to all the linemen for National Lineman Appreciation Day.

May 2016
Livingston Parish director Danny Berthelot, East Feliciana Parish director Glenn DeLee, East Baton Rouge Parish director Randy Lorio, West Feliciana Parish director Freddy Metz and Tangipahoa Parish director Eugene Traylor all returned to the DEMCO Board of Directors as each was re-elected for a three-year term.

June 2016
Local high school students Jessica Litloff, Sawyer Welborn, John Wiese and Kennedy Wilcher each won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The four were winners in the 2016 DEMCO Rural Electric Youth Tour essay contest, and joined other Louisiana winners on this trip of a lifetime.

July 2016
DEMCO was honored by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives for working 749,523 hours of without a lost time accident. This perfect record has been since September of 2014.

August 2016
Historic flooding hit south Louisiana with the brunt of the flood waters taking aim at the heart of the DEMCO service territory. Damages were extensive as crews safely returned over 30,000 members back to power within seven days.

September 2016
The entire workforce at DEMCO participated in training throughout the year, also in September they became certified in CPR and First Aid. This is just another way we can serve the members and the community.

October 2016
DEMCO supported area youth runners in the Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation’s 2016 Battlefield Run Festival. Hundreds of runners and fans were out in full force to support the physical activity of youth here in South Louisiana.

November 2016
DEMCO presented to thousands of area elementary students a safety program they will not soon forget. “Making Accidents Disappear” magic show highlighted how students can stay safe around electricity.

December 2016
DEMCO welcomed Former Baton Rouge City Police Chief Jeff LeDuff and his Open Eyes training program as DEMCO employees learned how to be aware of dangers in the workplace. This effort by the cooperative’s safety department will help protect employees and members alike.
DEMCO Board members receive committee reports

Meeting of April 20, 2017
The board of directors of DEMCO held its regular meeting Thursday, April 20, 2017. Board President Richard Sitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board then approved the minutes of the previous meetings, new member list, Treasurer’s report and Operations Committee report as written.

From the Purchasing Committee report Randy Lorio, committee chairman, presented the report. Next the board resolved to approve and direct John D. Vranic, CEO and General Manager to execute all necessary documents and to take any and all further actions necessary to carry out the July 1, 2017 amendment and restatement of the NRECA RS Plan and 401(k) Plan.

Danny Berthelot gave the ALEC report with no action taken.

Leslie Falks presented the Dixie Business Center and the DEMCO Foundation reports with no action taken.

John Vranic presented the Manager’s report with no action taken.

Jim Ellis presented the Attorney’s report with no action taken.

Meeting of May 19, 2016
The board of directors of DEMCO held its regular meeting Thursday, May 19, 2016. Board President Richard Sitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board then approved the minutes of the previous meetings, new member list, Treasurer’s report and Operations Committee report as written. The board then approved a resolution reclassifying those accounts disconnected in December 2016 as uncollectable.

From the Annual Meeting and Bylaws Committee the board approved a resolution to authorize management to allow Mr. Shawn Paul Parker of DEMCO Board District 4, East Baton Rouge Parish to pick up election ballots printed and mailed in 100 Sensus polyphase meters.

From the Finance Committee report Steve Irving, committee chairman, reviewed the Interest, Fuel Cost Adjustment and Financial Summary reports. The board approved a resolution reclassifying those accounts disconnected in December 2016 as uncollectable.

From the Purchasing Committee report Randy Lorio, committee chairman, presented the report. Next the board resolved to deny Techline’s request for blanket bid prices and approve purchases from Gresco and Wesco for service wire and cross arm materials. The board then made a resolution to accept the following purchases: the purchase of Pure Storage Capacity Upgrade V2 (SAN) from Venture Technologies (a sole source provider), 100 foot steel pole for the Pine Grove Substation 69KV switch installation (Job # 61977) from Dis-Tran Steel, LLC, distribution poles for the Juben Marketplace transmission line relocation (Job # 61400) from Dis-Tran Steel, LLC, Willbros T & D Services for four underground subdivision Projects at Arbor Walk 5th Filing, Nichols Lake, Plainview Ridge 2nd Filing and Lochs at Carnoustie. The board then approved a resolution to accept the Dixie Electric Membership Corporation 2016 Independent Audit Report from Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll, LLP.

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Altec Scholarship Program
Altec Industries will award a $500 Scholarship at the ALEC annual meeting for the fall semester of 2017.

The award is open to all children of active ALEC member cooperatives.

The following rules will apply:
1. Recipient must be a high school graduate in the class of 2017.
2. Recipient must provide verification of a minimum 2.5 GPA before scholarship monies are awarded.
3. This is a one-time award.
4. The award can be used for any college or university.
6. Mail applications to: Ed Amedee, 1443 City Place, Gonzales, LA 70737.
7. Must be postmarked by June 26, 2017. Altec will not be responsible for mail delivery.
8. Applicant must be the child of an ALEC member cooperative.

Application for Scholarship Program
Applicant’s Name: ______________________________________
Parents or Guardian: _____________________________________
Member Co-op: _________________________________________
Home Address: __________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ ZIP: ________
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High School Attended: _________________________________

Please supply a copy of your high school transcript to verify the 2.5 GPA
Are you looking to earn some money this summer? You can become an entrepreneur! That’s a person who starts a business.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!

What’s an entrepreneur? An entrepreneur (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

Entrepreneurial Thinking Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?

Who wants to make money? One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can’t get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn’t stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

A business (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who starts a business. Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!
Check around & stay prepared!

HURRICANE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- 3-day supply of water & non-perishable food
- Spare clothing, blankets and pillows
- Toiletries, first-aid kit and prescription medicines
- Special items/food for babies and the elderly
- Special items for your pet including vaccination records, toys, food and a cage/crate
- Flashlights, portable radio and extra batteries
- Extra set of car keys, credit cards and cash
- Important documents kept in a waterproof container or watertight plastic bag
  - Identification, copy of birth certificate, marriage certificate and Social Security card
  - Insurance documents and medical records
  - Bank account numbers, online passwords and log-in information
  - Emergency contact list
- Emergency tools

Keeping Current: Tip #39

Never operate a portable generator inside your home, garage or other enclosed areas. Only use your generator outdoors, away from open windows, vents or doors. And, always follow manufacturer’s guidelines for proper use.