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## 2007 Annual Meeting Scholarships Awarded; Other Important Business

The 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lakeview Light and Power was celebrated at our Annual Meeting on March 20.

The event began with the Presentation of Colors by the Clover Park ROTC and a stirring *a capella* rendition of the National Anthem by 11-year-old Zoe Mix. Board Vice President Gary Jones then introduced this year's scholarship winners, each of whom was awarded \$1500 toward their college tuition.

The meeting also featured messages from General Manager Robin Rego and President Paul Russell, as well as presentations by Terry Flores of Northwest River Partners and attorney Terry Mundorf.

Mr. Rego began his annual report by lauding LLP's staff. "Lakeview Light and Power serves one-third of Lakewood – with a population of about 60,000 – and also part of Parkland. And,"

he continued, "it's all done with only 20 full time staff and one part-time person. It's truly a confirmation of the old saying, 'Many hands make light work.'"

Recalling last winter's storms, he noted that LLP fared better than most other local utilities for two important reasons. First, our tree-trimming program keeps dangerous trees and branches in check. "We appreciate your cooperation in letting us trim your trees," he commented. "You help keep the lights on for your neighbors."

The second reason the power stayed on for LLP customers is that 61% of our lines are

### Holiday Closures

Our office will be closed the following dates:  
Memorial Day – Monday, May 28  
Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4

underground. "In the Nyanza Park area, however, the underground lines are 40-plus years old and they're wearing out," he said. "As we replace the old lines, we're moving the transformers from backyards to the front, within the right-of-way. And again, we appreciate your cooperation and patience with this work."

President Paul Russell handed out two dramatic photos of a dead bear. "This is what happens when a critter gets into power lines," he said. He also spoke about the growing problem of metal theft, adding that LLP supports legislation currently being considered by the state legislature to make it harder to sell illegal scrap metal. "And please," he added, "if you see any suspicious person or activity around our substations or our lines, call our office right away."

Terry Flores, Director of Northwest River Partners, updated the membership on what's being done by BPA to protect endangered salmon and steelhead runs in the



Our 2007 scholarship winners pose with LLP Vice President Gary Jones: (l-r) Mr. Jones, Hector Murillo, Brittany Lewis, Andrew Iopu and Alex Kim. Missing: Michael Jarrett. 103904-001.

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## 2007 Annual Meeting *continued...*

Columbia and Snake River systems. "Did you know that 20% of your power bill goes toward salmon protection?" she asked. "You should be proud of that! The Northwest spends \$800 million a year to protect the fish. That's the best in the nation." She mentioned that NWRP's mission is to protect salmon and support clean, renewable hydropower. She urged LLP members to write to our representatives in Washington DC to oppose the 'Salmon Planning Act' which could lead to the removal of the Snake River dams. "Over the past decade, salmon runs have increased," she said, "and in fact, some of the runs are equal to those from before the dams were built." More information can be found at NWRP's website: [www.nwriverpartners.org](http://www.nwriverpartners.org).

Terry Mundorf spoke about current BPA issues and gave a quick update on LLP's White Creek Wind Project. LLP's contract with BPA expires in 2011 and BPA wants to change some terms when it's renewed. Specifically, BPA wants to divide the power supply into two parts: hydropower and new (and often expensive) resources. LLP is already developing new resources with our wind project. The project promises to be good for LLP and our customers, and good for the utilities who'll buy the power that's generated. He directed attention to a handout showing drawings of the huge turbines that will be installed at White Creek. "The first turbine will arrive in June or July," he said. "And the project will be ready to roll by the end of the year."

After the business meeting, employee Matt Ricks emceed the door prize drawings. President Russell explained that, since there were no new candidates for the Board, there was no need for an election this year.



The LLP Board of Directors: (l-r) Gary Jones, Paul Russell, Linda Monagle, Fred Warmbier, Robert Estrada, Gen. Mgr. Robin Rego. Missing: Tom McDonald, Bob Schibig.

## Project Help

Last winter's storms and freezing weather increased the number of members who needed help paying their power bills. But, for many, those needs don't end with the cold weather.

You can help our customers-in-need by contributing to Project Help. Just fill in the box on your enclosed statement. LLP doubles every donation so your gift actually goes three times as far. As always, *we thank you!*



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## LLP's Privacy Policy – Member Information is Confidential

A few months ago, a local private utility was fined nearly \$1 million for disclosing confidential information about its customers. We want our members and customers to know that LLP has a strict privacy policy:

We consider all personal information about our members and customers to be private and confidential. No such informa-

tion will be given to any person or public entity without written consent of the member or customer in question, or without a valid subpoena. All questions about this policy or the disclosure of confidential member information are directed to the General Manager.

Rest assured that your personal information is safe with us.

## New Accounts, Reconnects – Board Approves New Policies

Our Board of Directors recently approved several policy changes, effective April 1:

- There will be a \$20 set-up fee for all new accounts.
- The after hours fee to reconnect a self-contained meter is increased to \$100. Meters will not be reconnected after 8pm.
- The deadline for payments

to avoid disconnection is now the end of business on the day before the scheduled disconnection.

Finally, we're installing an automated phone system and would like all our customers to update their phone numbers. Please call us at (253)584-6060 to verify your number.

## Find Your Account Number, Win \$20

In each issue of The Light, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at (253)584-6060 before the next newsletter is published and you'll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill. Good luck!

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