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Congratulations, Bob Estrada

Robert (Bob) Estrada was elected to Lakeview Light & Power's Board of Directors at the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting on March 20. If Bob's name sounds familiar to you, it may be because he was a board member for 12 years before taking a two-year "vacation." Bob is also a member of various boards and organizations in Lakewood.

Welcome back, Bob.

LLP Awards Scholarships

The Board of Directors of Lakeview Light & Power awarded two scholarships to graduating high school students. Sasha Courtright of Clover Park High School and Ariyanna Pyles from Washington High School received the \$2,500 awards at the 96th Annual Membership Meeting.



Sasha is active at her school and plans to attend Modesto Junior College, studying to become a child development specialist.

Ariyanna would like to attend the University of Washington in Seattle. She is involved in clubs and community service at her school. 4346-001

This year, LLP also sponsored a \$2,500 scholarship through Clover Park Technical Institute. The fall recipient was Kathleen Kaniki, a recent graduate of CPTI.



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A Letter From the General Manager

Greetings Members:

We had a great turnout for our 96th Annual Membership Meeting on March 20. It was nice to have the opportunity to meet and speak with many of those who attended. During my presentation, I spoke about a few issues that are causing external pressures on the utility industry. I want to share a little more about these factors because they may contribute to future increased costs for purchased power.

An example of this is state legislation and initiatives calling for more stringent renewable energy requirements. We worked closely with legislators throughout our region to educate them on how these measures would affect their constituents. As a result, Gov. Inslee did not have the support to get his carbon tax bill (SB6203) out of the state Senate this year. A similar carbon tax measure appears on the November ballot as Initiative 1631. Part of I-1631 imposes a carbon tax, which increases each subsequent year, for every metric ton of carbon produced. 130821-001

Fortunately, we live in a region where our primary source of purchased power already comes from a carbon- and emission-free resource: hydroelectricity. Despite the Bonneville Power Administration's biennial rate increases, Washington still has the second least expensive power prices in the United States. Hydroelectric power is also the most reliable and cost-based power available to you and I as end users. BPA balances a small mix (less than 6 percent) of its power from fossil fuel production. This portion would be subject to the taxation of I-1631 if it is passed by voters. Since BPA passes along all ancillary charges to its customers, this would increase our purchased power costs and, therefore, could increase our rates accordingly. Be sure to stay informed on this issue and exercise your voice by voting on November 6.

Another external force is the implications of the 2016 decision by federal Judge Michael H. Simon and the resulting overspill management of the dams. Last week, the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's decision, so BPA will enact its overspill protocol during the next four months. Overspill means additional water is sent through spillways rather than through the penstocks and turbines to generate power. The total cost of this mandated action is \$40 million. LLP's portion of that charge is \$180,000. We absorbed the charge last year, but it too, may impact future rates.

In our summer newsletter, we will add a section called, "Ask John," that will give members the chance to submit questions to me. I will select three to four to answer in each newsletter. To submit your questions, please send an email to llp@lakeviewlight.com and put "Ask John" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

John DeVore, General Manager

96th Annual Meeting Recap

Lakeview Light & Power's 96th Annual Membership Meeting took place at Lakewood City Hall on March 20.

Following the invocation, led by Senior Pastor Walt Kelly of First Baptist Church of Lakewood, Vice President Linda McDermott introduced the 2018 scholarship winners.

Pierce County Human Services

Guest speaker Brian Sarensen, manager of the Pierce County Energy Assistance Program, spoke about the county's assistance to residents of Lakewood, with additional funding provided by Lakeview Light & Power's Project Help. With 24 percent of Lakewood residents having incomes below the poverty level, the need is great.

General Manager

General Manager John DeVore spoke about the utility's progress during the last year and 2018 objectives, which include installation of automated metering infrastructure, debt retirement and grid upgrades. While LLP's safety record is excellent, awareness of working safely will be emphasized in 2018. It only takes a second of carelessness when working around high-voltage equipment to have a deadly event. The national workforce is aging, and LLP is no exception, with six retirements planned in the next two to five years. With a small staff such as ours, this will make quite a dent. We are working on knowledge transfer and employee development to assure a smooth transition. You will receive a customer survey later this year to assure we are giving our customers the service they need. We continue to do community outreach by sponsoring events and providing financial assistance to customers and organizations.

Utility rate increase in 2018 yet to be determined

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Even though the Bonneville Power Administration has increased our wholesale rate for electricity more than five percent, LLP has been absorbing these additional costs since October 2017. LLP has commissioned a study to determine the best way to fairly distribute the additional costs.

An emphasis on community and volunteerism

President Tom McDonald spoke about LLP's commitment to the community through efforts by the board and employees to volunteer and raise money for those in



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need. He reminded us that many families in Lakewood have difficulties paying their utility bills. Thanks to members donating their \$10 credit for voting to Project Help, more than \$4,000 was contributed to the fund that night.

New board member elected

One LLP board position was up for election this year, with two candidates running. We received a record 433 votes. Thank you for your participation. Bob Estrada was elected to a three-year term. Bob replaces Linda McDermott. We want to thank Linda for her years of service to Lakeview.

New Venue this year

This year, the meeting was held in the Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers. The space is easily accessible, with adequate seating and plenty of parking. We are considering the same location next year.

Find the hidden account numbers and win a \$20 credit

In this issue of Connected, we have hidden 10 randomly chosen account numbers (such as 1234-567). Comb through the stories and photos to find the numbers. If you find your account number, call us at (253) 584-6060 before the next newsletter is published and you will receive a \$20 credit on your next bill.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES: MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 28 • INDEPENDENCE DAY Wednesday, July 4 • LABOR DAY Monday, September 3 • COLUMBUS DAY Monday, October 8 • VETERANS DAY Monday, November 12 • THANKSGIVING Thursday, November 22 • CHRISTMAS Tuesday, December 25

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