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Working for the good guy



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED employee is SEC's manager of community relations—AND the local editor of this magazine—Mary Grace McGee. She puts a great deal of effort every day into showcasing the awesome things going on in our communities and at SEC—but,

today, we want to showcase her!

Although most employees at SEC call her Mary Grace (and I like to call her MGM!), I understand that a lot of her family calls her Gracie—at least those who don't call her Mom. However you know her, or if you have not yet had a chance to get to know her, Mary Grace is a wonderful asset to your cooperative.

Mary Grace grew up in Salters and currently lives within easy walking distance of her childhood home. She went to Williamsburg Academy—all 12 years! After graduation, she went on to study education at Francis Marion. She received a degree in early childhood education from FMU in 2000 and later went on to get a master's degree in curriculum in 2011.

After teaching for 11 years, she started in our member services department. In 2012, she moved to the public affairs department as a marketing representative. She has been in her current position since 2018.

Mary Grace's main functions involve getting information to you, our members. If you have seen something from us on social media, on our web page, or in print, she had a hand in it. She also handles our interaction with local charities.

Mary Grace has been married to Bubba McGee for 20 years—happy anniversary!—but they were high school

sweethearts and have been an item for nearly 30 years. In addition to working at the federal prison in Salters, he also owns and operates Bubba's Small Engines. I can tell you from experience that Bubba can fix anything! The two of them have two lovely daughters. Katie, 16, is a junior in high school, and Lizzy, 12, is in the 6th grade.

I asked MGM about the best part of her job.

"The variety. I don't have to do the same thing day in and day out. I also love helping people."

And the toughest part?

"We have a very limited budget for charitable donations, but everyone wants money. They don't realize we are a not-for-profit, too. It's our members' money they are asking for."

When I asked what she liked best about working at SEC, she replied sheepishly, "I know everyone says it, but there really is a family feeling here. I love this place and the people I work with."

Finally, I asked her for one thing she wished everyone knew. Without

hesitation, she responded, "Santee Electric really is the good guy. We are here to help our members, not take advantage of them."

In a world where it is easy to lump all utilities together as faceless, uncaring corporations, it is critical to know that your local cooperative is different. Mary Grace gets it. In fact, there's no way I could put it into words better than she did.

Have a great month, everyone!

GETTING TO KNOW US



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