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The Spirit of 77

Quality time with members highlights my first Annual Meeting as CEO

OTHER THAN A BRIEF visit a couple of years ago, March 29 was my first experience at a Santee Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting.



We were blessed with wonderful weather and a fantastic turnout—4,332 members were registered in attendance.

Spending quality time with members gave me a chance to hear your concerns, discuss our goals

as a cooperative and, together, focus on our top priority here at SEC—how we can continually improve your service.

My fellow SEC employees—dozens of whom have handled many such meetings—did a wonderful job with our 77th. You could say that our “Spirit of 77” showed when employees Jerry Boozer and Everett Tomlin sang “The Star-Spangled Banner.” I know you are supposed to look at the flag during the National Anthem, but it was hard not to focus on them. So talented!

If you weren’t able to attend, you missed out on a lot of fun and fellowship, mixed with the serious business co-ops handle at every meeting, such as the Board of Trustees elections. Congratulations are in order for



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I was pleased to meet potential future SEC members like Marvin Dukes, 1 year old, and current ones, like his grandmother Linda Murphy at our 77th Annual Meeting.

Raymond Fulton, Allen Nesmith and Stanley Pasley, who were re-elected for three-year terms. We also approved some bylaw changes, which we highlighted in previous editions of *South Carolina Living*.

I also took a minute to thank members for their support after fall’s floods. As I noted, the people of our service territory band together and reach out to one another and lift their fellow man up and out of this terrible situation.

Let’s keep that spirit alive—until we meet again, next spring.

Robert G. Ardis III
President and Chief Executive Officer

Access Santee.org for full list of prize winners

You don’t have to be present to win prizes at our Annual Meeting, but Sammy Alston (left) was, so he took his Vizio Sound Bar System straight home. We posted a full list of winners the day after the meeting on SEC’s website, Santee.org. We contact winners by phone to tell them how to pick up prizes. For the complete list, look in the News and Press section of Santee.org.

Superheroes all

All 4,332 members at our Annual Meeting, that is



Sean Matthews, as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, was just one of thousands who attended Santee Electric Cooperative's 2016 Annual Meeting March 29 at Kingstree Senior High School. Backing him up is Aiden Evans, also 10.



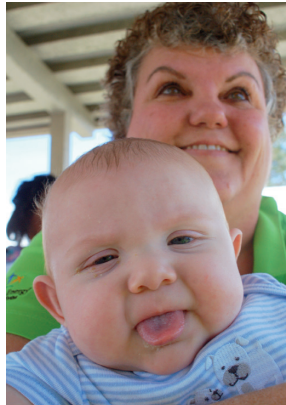
Brothers John, 3, (left) and Walter Siau, 5, enjoy fresh popcorn by the handful.



SEC employees Jerry Boozer (left) and Everette Tomlin harmonize on a rendition of the national anthem, shortly after emcee Lou Green (right) helped co-op employees' children (from left) Cade and Ava Ardis, Rowan McCracken, Abby Miles and Joshua Darden lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Alaina Matthews, 4, holds her cup high—as does Gloria Milton, pictured with her registration gift, a Stainless Beverage Travel Kit (with handy case, not shown).



Luella Middleton (above left) and Tracy Pittman catch a ride after registering. Alexander Hudson, 4 months, hitched one with his grandma, SEC's Yolanda Stone.



Trystan Burrows and her little brother Rowdy with the grand-prize 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab truck, later won by Linette Sanders of Salters.



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