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GVEA Launches Benevolent Fund

Members Serving Members

On Dec 22, GVEA launched the GVEA Benevolent Fund – *Members Serving Members*, with the goal of assisting members struggling to pay their electric bill due to financial hardship. GVEA is seeing an increase in delinquent accounts. In 2019, there was an average of 725 delinquent accounts per month. In 2020, there were an average of 1,680 delinquent accounts per month.

GVEA started the fund with \$250,000 of non-operating funds; these funds have no effect on GVEA operations or member rates.

At last month’s MAC and Board of Directors meetings, many members expressed an interest in making contributions to help others in the community. Through this program, individuals have the ability to make contributions to the fund.

Love INC is administering the fund. They are accepting contributions from community members and reviewing applications from GVEA members who are behind on their electric payments. They’re using eligibility criteria similar to what was used for disbursement of CARES Act funding. Love INC may also be able to provide further assistance for members in need through additional programs and services. For more information, you’re encouraged to visit GVEA’s Benevolent Fund page, found here: www.gvea.com/benevolent.

Holiday Lights Contest

GVEA conducted a holiday light contest on Facebook last month and had many festive entries. First, second and third place were determined by how many “likes” each entry received on the social platform. Each of the winners was given a credit on their GVEA account.

Congratulations! 



Holiday Light Contest
FIRST PLACE!

GVEA is Now Tobacco-Free

As of January 1, 2021, all tobacco products, vapors, herbs, e-cigarettes or other like products are strictly prohibited by all persons at all properties owned, leased or operated by GVEA. This includes all power plants, office spaces, outdoor areas, sidewalks, vehicles, worksites, parking lots and within 50 feet of workers or equipment within rights-of-way.

January 7, 2021 Marked GVEA’s 75th Anniversary

This year we mark the 75th anniversary of Golden Valley Electric Association. GVEA began as a dream of the early residents of Fairbanks – to bring reliable electricity to the rural areas of Interior Alaska and today we serve nearly 100,000 residents across the Interior! Read a message to members from John Burns regarding this milestone: <https://bit.ly/3bjg0tp>.

MAC Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, 6:30 pm
Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Teams Window Open (6:15 pm)
2. Call to Order (6:30 pm)
 - Roll Call
 - Approve Agenda
 - Approve Dec. 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Safety Moment
 - MAC Report Volunteer at the GVEA Board Meeting on Mon, Jan. 25 at 6:30 pm: **Volunteer Needed**
3. Visiting Member Comments (3-minute limit)
4. New Business:
 - Nathan Minnema, Acting Director of Engineering Services: *GVEA’s Renewable Efforts*
 - Update from On-Bill Financing Task Force
5. Board Report: Brad Benson, District 7 Director
6. Unfinished Business
7. MAC Roundtable
8. Adjournment (~8 pm)

Next Scheduled MAC Meetings:

- Wed, Feb. 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Wed, Mar. 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm