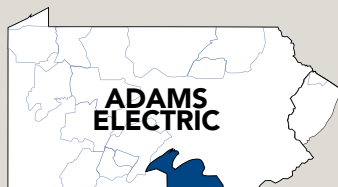




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## From the CEO/General Manager



## Lineworker Appreciation Day

By Steve Rasmussen

**LINEWORKERS** are a rare breed. They are strong, dedicated and live a life of service many couldn't handle, often putting others' needs before their own. But without them, our world would be darker, literally.

Lineworkers are specially trained to bring the light! And I'd put our Adams Electric crews up against the likes of any electric utility workers across this country.

That's why they are celebrated annually in the month of April. We set aside the second Monday in April to observe Lineworker Appreciation Day — a recognition earned honestly.

When others are hurrying home to the comforts of warmth during storms and winter weather, lineworkers suit up to face the elements head on. They train tirelessly in their specialized field of electric power distribution to keep our members' homes and community businesses illuminated and operating, mostly uninterrupted.

Their jobs are not easy, nor are they safe as these men and women work 'round the clock to keep the lights on. "Lineworker" is even listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous careers in the country. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks in very close proximity to high-voltage power lines, sometimes climbing 40 feet in the air on a pair of gaffs, and often hauling several pounds of equipment on their backs and hips to get the job done.

In fact, when someone hears about the power company, the first image

that likely comes to mind is often a lineworker on a pole, putting the pieces of a vehicle-wrecked or storm-ravaged power system back together.

While it's true lineworkers may be the most visible employees at the co-op, it's still important to remember there are other people behind the power — our engineers, stakers, line servicemen, warehouse personnel, information specialists, safety specialists, communicators, human resources and finance personnel, and member services representatives. These folks work together behind the scenes to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn't be able to continue bringing the light to the communities we serve.

Our lineworkers — and all the employees of Adams Electric — are a proud representation of our utility and our mission. They are stable, reliable and responsive. Theirs is not a job for the faint of heart, but you'll never find a heart bigger than those of the line crews who work for the electric cooperative system, especially those I'm proud to call my coworkers here at Adams Electric.

And so, this April 12, throughout the month of April, and always, I'll be thankful for the people behind the power — our lineworkers and employees — who do what they do for our membership. I hope you'll join me in thanking a lineworker this month for their service. ☀️

# COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

## Upcycled Art Show turns trash to treasure

By Thomas Hand, Penn Lines Correspondent

THE ADAMS Rescue Mission's annual Upcycled Art Show is once again prompting local artists to find inspiration in an unlikely place: the trash.

"By definition, upcycling means to reuse discarded objects or material in such a way as to create a product of higher quality or value than the original," explains Heidi Acker, the event's organizer.

In this case, items that would have been bound for a recycling center or a landfill are given new purpose as one-of-a-kind works of art, each to be auctioned off for the benefit of the mission.

This will be the Adams Rescue Mission's (ARM) fifth time holding the art show, and over the years artists have submitted some truly inventive creations. Among the many upcycled masterpieces, Acker specifically recalls a chicken made from a metal vegeta-

ble steamer, dresses made from pillowcases, paintings done on recycled paper and an old suitcase transformed into an end table.

"The best part of it is that no one thinks alike, so drop-off day for this event is the most fun!" she says.

The artwork that goes up for auction is always totally unique, but the Upcycled Art Show is also special.

"We've had to look for more opportunities and ideas for fundraising, causing us to become a little more creative," Acker explains. "This isn't a huge event, but we definitely get a different crowd of people both participating and purchasing than some of our other fundraisers. Each event we do brings more awareness of the mission, so big or small, we consider all of our events successful."

And bringing awareness is certainly important, especially when considering the vital work that the organization does for the community. The Adams Rescue Mission operates a men's shelter capable of housing up to 30 individuals who come seeking food, clothing, counseling and recovery from addiction. The ARM is also responsible for the Agape House in downtown Gettysburg, which offers up to 10 self-contained apartments to displaced women and families in need. And on top of all that, they run a thrift store and a recycling program.

Acker has been employed by the Adams Rescue Mission for 17 years now, though her history with the organization goes back much further with her father serving as the ARM's executive director for the past 37 years.



A NEW LIFE: Through upcycling, an old metal vegetable steamer is transformed into a chicken sculpture.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ADAMS RESCUE MISSION



NO LONGER GARBAGE: This chair was going out with the garbage, but a fresh paint job gives it a bright new purpose.

"So, I basically grew up very aware of and involved in the mission; you could say it's in my blood," she says. "My Christmas isn't complete without our annual Christmas Eve service here at the mission with the men. I've participated in these since I was a little girl, and now my children do, too."

This year, the ARM's main building needs a new roof. It's a \$32,000 project and, along with grants and charitable donations, Acker hopes that proceeds from the art show will go toward offsetting the cost.

The Upcycled Art Show and Silent Auction will be taking place through the entire month of April. As a result of COVID-19, both events have been moved to a virtual setting. For more information about the art show or about the Adams Rescue Mission, visit [adamsrescuemission.org](http://adamsrescuemission.org).

# Incumbents seek support in upcoming election

The Credentials & Election Committee has certified three candidates to run in Zones 1, 5 and 8 for a chance to serve on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Below is a short biography and a statement from each candidate about why they would like to serve as a board director. For additional information about each candidate, visit [adamsec.coop](http://adamsec.coop).

## Meet the candidates



F. L. "Ray" Schwartz

**Zone 1: F. L. "Ray" Schwartz** of Fairfield has been a member of the co-op since 1994 and a cooperative director since 2006. He has served on various committees for the cooperative through the years, including current assignments to the Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

Schwartz is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned the Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Schwartz is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and a Vietnam combat veteran. He earned his master's degree in engineering management from George Washington University. He is a registered professional engineer (PE-nuclear) with 35 years of experience in the nuclear industry including submarines, TMI cleanup, and U.S. Department of Energy programs, such as principles of energy production and distribution.

Schwartz has served as a board trustee for the Adams County Library System for 10 years. He and his wife, Patti, have been married for 52 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

**Candidate statement:** "It has been my privilege to have served Adams Electric members as a director for 15 years and I look forward to continuing to do so. My goal is for all of us to continue to have reliable and affordable electricity as Adams incorporates advances in technologies, such as distributed generation, smart grid, electric vehicles, and energy storage."



Dale E. Myers

**Zone 5: Dale E. Myers** of Glenville has been a member of Adams Electric since 1978 and has lived his entire life in a home served by the cooperative. He has been a cooperative director since 2018.

He is a former member of the South Western School District Board of Directors, having served for 27 years, including a 21-year term as president. He is also a former board member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District III, on which he served 16 years. He spent eight years with the state board of directors for the PIAA.

Myers is a 1971 graduate of South Western High School and was inducted into the school's Hall of Excellence in 2017. He has an associate degree in surveying technology (1973) and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering (1977),

both from the Pennsylvania State University.

Myers has been married to his wife, Carol, for 42 years. He has five children: Christy, Matthew, Andrew, Brandon, and Megan; and five grandchildren: Addison, Madison, Luke, Josie, and Jackson.

**Candidate statement:** "I now bring three years of experience serving on the cooperative board of directors, my Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certification and progress toward my Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) in addition to my experience and exposure to most of the board's committees. This is in addition to prior boardroom experience from my time on a school board and the PIAA board. I would appreciate your support and, if elected, I promise to continue to diligently perform my duties with the highest level of integrity."



S. Eugene (Gene) Herritt

**Zone 8: S. Eugene (Gene) Herritt** of Shippensburg has been a member of Adams Electric since 1976 and a member of the Adams board of directors since 1985. He served as board president from 1993 to 2007, and on the Executive Committee from 1993 to 2011.

Herritt is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) Board of Directors and a past chairman of that organization. He was elected to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) board in 2017.

He is a member of the Adams Utility Services Company (AUSCO) board, a for-profit subsidiary of Adams Electric, and on the board for the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Solutions, Inc. (MACS), which does business as Aero Energy, and includes a partnership with Choptank Electric Cooperative.

Herritt holds the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification and has earned the Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Certificate from NRECA. He has served as a panelist for NRECA on three occasions, representing Adams Electric.

Beyond his connection to Adams, Herritt has served in a leadership capacity on several local boards over the years, but his current commitments are limited to the cooperative and its affiliate organizations.

He is married to Sally Herritt. He has one daughter, Andrea, and a grandson, Lyric.

**Candidate statement:** "It takes time to be a productive member of the board. I take this very seriously. I do my best to learn the business on a financial level. I'm involved in the political aspects of our efforts to stay in business and provide reasonable rates and reliability."

# Election ballot includes special member vote

THE CO-OP'S election cycle is in full swing and you should receive your election ballot in early April. Your Adams Electric ballot includes the three seats up for director election, but also a special membership vote.

The proposed ballot resolution asks for a membership vote to appoint the board of directors to review and approve the 2019 and 2020 annual member meeting minutes. These minutes have gone unapproved because of the lack of an in-person meeting in 2020 and again this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The co-op is holding drive-thru events in May, but no formal presentations are planned.

Members may review the draft minutes online at [adamsec.coop/special-membership-vote](https://adamsec.coop/special-membership-vote) or a hard copy may be requested. The language in the proposed resolution was part of a bill



insert sent to all accounts in March and can also be found on the co-op's website.

A vote of "yes" states that a member is in favor of allowing the board of directors to review and act on the annual member meeting minutes from 2019 and 2020 because in-person meetings could not be held for a membership vote. A vote of "no" says a member does not want the board to take action on reviewing these meeting minutes.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-726-2324 and ask a member

services representative to review this resolution with you before you cast your vote.

And don't forget ...

This topic and others are addressed April 6 in the co-op's TeleTown Hall meeting, presented by CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen.

For more reports and member meeting information, visit <https://adamsec.coop/2021-virtual-member-meeting>. You will find a Directors' report, Credentials & Election Committee report, CEO report and other information here. 🌞



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**DRIVE-THRU**  
ANNUAL MEETING

DATE	LOCATION
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May 18	Shippensburg District Office, 10 Duncan Road
May 19	Gettysburg Headquarters, 1338 Biglerville Road

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**2021**  
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## Ownership Rewards pays over \$2 million to members

THIS YEAR, Adams Electric is returning \$2 million in Ownership Rewards to its current and former members, which brings the amount returned to members for all years to more than \$48 million.

Our member-owners receive these rewards as a representation of their ownership in the cooperative. Rest assured the employees and directors of Adams Electric have been working hard for over 80 years to maintain the co-op's mission of delivering safe, reliable, competitively priced power.

Ownership Rewards is a portion of your equity or ownership in the

cooperative. As not-for-profit organizations, electric cooperatives set rates to generate enough money to pay operating costs, plus a reasonable margin. That margin is the member's equity and is returned to the member over an average of about 20 years.

The amount a member receives is based upon the amount of electricity a member uses each year and grows every year that you continue to purchase electricity from the co-op. The actual amount is indicated on your electric bill in May. Each year, the board of directors votes to return a percentage of that equity to its membership.

Within the electric industry, Ownership Rewards exist only at member-owned electric co-ops. Investor-owned utilities pay dividends to shareholders, who may or may not be customers.

After you move off the co-op's lines, your equity investment remains in your name until it is returned in full — a process that can take up to 20 years. If you are due more than \$10 in Ownership Rewards, you should have received a check in March with your Ownership Rewards payout.

If you have questions, please contact the cooperative at 1-800-726-2324. ☀

## April is Pennsylvania 811 safe digging month

DIGGING season is here and it's time to start thinking about 811 education and awareness. Every April, we observe Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month as an awareness initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811.

Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month serves as a reminder to all excavators and homeowners to call 811 at least three business days before you dig so the approximate location of utility lines can be identified and marked by facility owners. The call-before-you-dig process helps to prevent injuries, property damage and inconvenient utility outages.

Safe digging is a shared responsibility among excavators, homeowners and facility owners. The Common Ground Alliance (CGA), a member-driven association committed to raising the public's awareness of underground safety, conducted a recent survey where approximately four in 10 homeowners stated they plan to dig on their property this year for an outdoor home or property improvement project. Of those homeowners who plan to dig, 45% did not plan to call 811 before they dig. Two-thirds of homeowners believe they would not hit an unmarked underground utility line or cause a service outage if they dig with-

out calling 811; however, the survey also revealed that every three minutes, an underground line is damaged, and in 2019, the cost of damages to buried utilities in the U.S. is estimated at \$30 billion.

What can you do to promote Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month? Businesses and organizations can assist in promoting Pennsylvania 811

Safe Digging by placing an 811 safety message on a community marquee to inform the public of Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month or issuing a proclamation or resolution declaring April is Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

Help Pennsylvania 811 spread this valuable safety message. For more information about Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month visit [pa1call.org](http://pa1call.org). ☀

**Contact 8-1-1 before you dig.**

**Pennsylvania Law Requires  
3 Business Days' Notice**

**1-800-242-1776**

PA One Call offers free training programs and presentations, and will attend safety meetings or conferences to promote safe digging. Contact your local Damage Prevention Liaison [www.paonecall.org/liasons](http://www.paonecall.org/liasons)

Pennsylvania One Call: The Keystone of Damage Prevention [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org)

# NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUND YOUR COOPERATIVE




## Lineworkers earn promotions

Three lineworkers in the operations department received promotions in the first quarter, following a series of skills tests and after passing a written exam.

In late January, **Jordan Hoke** moved to journeyman first class in the Shippensburg District. He started with Adams in 2014 as a first-year apprentice.

Also working in the Shippensburg District, **Ryan Gelnett** moved to third year apprentice in mid-February. He joined Adams Electric in 2019 as a first-year apprentice.

Also promoted in February was **Adam Waldron** who moved to fourth year apprentice in the Gettysburg District. He started with the co-op in 2013 as a dispatcher. 



Jordan Hoke



Ryan Gelnett



Adam Waldron

**CO-OP UPGRADES:** Journeyman Third Class Gary Hodges helps change over a bank of oil circuit reclosers to triple-single reclosers in the Lake Meade community of Adams County. The new units are more environmentally friendly, and communicate more immediately with the co-op's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system for faster backfeeding and outage notification. Similar upgrades are taking place across the Lake Meade community and throughout the co-op's service territories.



### Lineworker Appreciation Day

On April 12, remember to  
#ThankALineworker.

## It's time to move over

Changes to Pennsylvania's "Move Over Law" take effect April 27. The new additions will require approaching drivers who are unable to merge into a further lane, to reduce their speed to 20 miles-per-hour less than the posted speed limit.

Line crews are legally considered emergency service responders, the same as police officers, firefighters, ambulance personnel, highway maintenance and construction personnel, emergency medical services personnel,

and towing and recovery personnel.

The law imposes two points for failure to merge into the lane not next to the emergency response area and sets fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense, with additional penalties also possible.

State law requires drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights, including utility workers, to vacate the lane clos-

est if safe and possible to do so (and if possible, move two lanes over), and slow to a speed that is safe, reasonable, and prudent.

The law requires vehicles to yield to line personnel actively engaged in emergency situations. This is especially important in our rural areas, where line crews often have limited space to perform their already dangerous work.

Work Zone Awareness Week is April 26-30. Please remember to #MoveOverPA. 🌞

If you see roadside crews, please slow down and move over when possible.



## Longtime employee clears path to retirement

CONGRATULATIONS to Right-of-Way Coordinator **Rich Redding**, who retired



Rich Redding

March 4 after 25 years of service to the cooperative.

Redding joined the co-op after 25 years with Asplundh Tree Expert Company, LLC, one of the cooperative's vegetation management vendors. He started at

Adams in 1996 as a right-of-way superintendent/safety coordinator.

During his co-op career, he held the position of line superintendent in all three district offices — Gettysburg, Shippensburg and York, before settling at the headquarters in Gettysburg in 2014 to devote all his time to the right-of-way program.

All co-op rights of way are trimmed and maintained on a four-year cycle. Now taking charge of the vegetation management program is **Michelle**

"**Mickey**" **Brandt**, who was hired in September 2020 and has been training with Redding in preparation for him stepping down. Before joining the cooperative, Brandt worked as a forestry specialist at Met-Ed.

In retirement, Redding looks forward to traveling with his wife, attending sporting events of his grandchildren, and working with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy as a volunteer maintaining trails within the state. 🌞

# Volunteer thanks, and a request for more members

So many THANK YOUS to our member volunteers who have already added their names to our co-op committee volunteer list. An extra thank you in April — Volunteer Month — to those serving on a committee currently.

There's still time to get your name added, and you can see below that there are several zones where we need volunteers. Send an email to [communications@adamsec.coop](mailto:communications@adamsec.coop) to be added to our volunteer list.

## Current member & joint member volunteers

### Zone 1:

Binh Q Nguyen & Hoai T Nguyen  
 Daniel J Nightingale & Wendy M Nightingale  
 David L Kushner  
 Debra T Sites, Election  
 Francis F Meyer, Scholarship  
 George A Weikert & Sandra L Weikert, Member Advisory  
 James A Henderson & Martha A Henderson, Member Advisory  
 John Davis & Dorene Davis  
 Karolyn K Emery  
 Paul B Deignan & Mary D Deignan  
 Peggy G Magaldi & Philip Magaldi, Election

### Zone 2:

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 James W Nosal & Janet E Nosal  
 John A Lynch & Elizabeth H Lynch, Scholarship  
 Mark D Berg & Temma F Berg, Member Advisory  
 Ronald P Heller & Lucinda K Heller  
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### Zone 4:

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### Zone 5:

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 Donald E Myers & Diana M Myers, Scholarship  
 James T Myers & Brenda J Myers, Election/Member Advisory  
 Phillip M Stansfield & Carolyn D Stansfield, Election

### Zone 6:

BJay Trout & Betty Trout, Member Advisory  
 Brian K Lott, Scholarship  
 Carolyn A Kilgore & Craig T Johnson, Member Advisory  
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### Zone 7:

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 Robert W Hudson & Michelle R Hudson, Scholarship  
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