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A Celebration of Past Successes & Future Possibilities

Members attending the 60th McDonough Telephone Cooperative annual meeting had the opportunity to review the cooperative's 60 years of accomplishments as well as to look into the future.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Congressman Bobby Schilling, U.S. Representative for the 17th District of Illinois. Congressman Schilling gave the invocation and led the packed auditorium in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then spoke about the current need in this country for everyone to throw aside partisan differences and work together for the common good.

Treasurer R. Stephen Hunt reported that the cooperative ended the year with total assets of \$25,339,406.

Board Chairman Roger Barclay highlighted the cooperative's achievements and activities through the past year. Members received a capital credit distribution last November and a \$25 service credit at Christmas. New services were introduced including Video on Demand and Pay Per View. We launched a Facebook page which now has over 100 followers. The board established the Rich Myers Memorial Youth Tour Scholarship. In addition, we sponsored four other students on the Youth Tour to Washington. The MDTC Fiber to the Home project continued moving ahead.

Chairman Barclay introduced Les Fowler who in turn introduced Emily Riggins, the winner of the Rich Myers Memorial Youth Tour Scholarship. Emily talked about her trip, expressing



Top: Congressman Bobby Schilling addresses the crowd at the MDTC Annual Meeting.

Bottom: Elected to the MDTC board were (left to right): Leroy Tappe, Mitchell Welsh, Jay Morrison, and Steve Hunt.

her appreciation for the wonderful experience and encouraging continued support of this educational program.

Before starting his report, President Bill Buchanan recognized the 24 years of service retiring director Jerry Payne dedicated to the board and to the members of the cooperative.

Buchanan then presented a decade by decade overview of the cooperative's growth over the past 60 years. After its incorporation in 1951, the cooperative's first goal was the introduction of dial telephone service. From these modest beginnings, the telecommunications industry evolved over the next six decades to include services and technology not even dreamed of when MDTC was founded.

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Board Votes to Distribute Capital Credits

October is National Cooperative Month.

One of the seven principles of cooperatives is Member Economic Participation. When the cooperative is financially sound, the members may benefit in proportion to the dollar amount they spend with the cooperative. This sharing of surplus funds comes in the form of capital credit distributions.

This year the MDTC board of directors voted to distribute 25% of the capital credits allocated in 1997. The total amount of the distribution will be approximately \$226,000. The distribution checks will be mailed out in October.

October Specials

This month we're offering a couple of opportunities for subscribers to try something different.

- Those of you with 128 kbps Internet service will be bumped up to the 1 Mbps package during October. Once you see how much time you save with a faster connection, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.
- Video customers who subscribe to HD Basic will get a free month of HD Expanded. Enjoy an additional 14 channels in crystal clear high definition.

Contact our office if you'd like to keep the faster Internet package or the expanded HD. Billing will start November 1, 2011.



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“Today the focus is on making fiber-optic technology and broadband service available to as many people as possible,” Buchanan said. “The potential is mind-boggling.”

Buchanan went on to say that the future of the industry is difficult to predict at this time. “The FCC is making a lot of moves that could seriously affect telecommunications, particularly companies that serve rural areas. These regulatory issues make the future unsure,” he stated.

Michelle Torrance took the stage to recognize those members celebrating a

50th anniversary with the co-op. This year, there were 17 members in the 50-year category. “We appreciate your loyalty, we appreciate your support, and we appreciate your patience in the rough times,” said Torrance. “Thank you for being such great customers!”

During the meeting, members elected Jay Morrison, District 6-Colusa; Mitchell Welsh, District 9-Blandinsville; and R. Stephen Hunt, District 10-Colchester. Leroy Tappe was elected to his first term on the board, replacing retiring director Jerry Payne, District 8-Swan Creek.

Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Grand Prize – 42” LCD HDTV: Michael McMillan, Industry

\$250 Bill Credit: Clyde Gene Rittenhouse, Colchester

Vizio Blu-ray Player with Wi-Fi: Roberta Hodges, Colchester

Flip Camcorder: Gene Chipman, Good Hope

Five - \$100 Service Credits Courtesy of Tharp Brothers Contractor: Bobby Mathena, Colchester; Larry Moore,

Blandinsville; Nancy Hookom, Colchester; Jack Teel, Industry; and Penolia Lickey, Plymouth

Two - VTECH 2 Handset Cordless Phones with One Year Free Caller ID Name & Number: Walter Richey, Marietta, and Scrapbook Nook, Colchester

Eight - \$25 Service Credits: Jerry & Lynn Riggins, Industry; James & Martha Fentem, Colchester; Mary Jane Pollock,

Colchester; Charles Donaldson, Colchester; Jack Wohlstadter Jr., Industry; Charles Lewis, Blandinsville; Ronald Cook, Industry; and Noel & Judy Oliver, Colchester

Youth Prize: Nintendo Wii Gaming System: Emily Jones, Colchester

“Come to an MDTC Event & You Could Win a Prize” Vizio Blu-ray Player: Brandon Heaton, Industry

Coming to VOD in October

Title	Genre	Rating	Start Date
Fast Five	Action	B4 PG-13	10/4/11
Scream 4	Horror	R	10/4/11
African Cats	Documentary	G	10/4/11
Zookeeper	Comedy	PG	10/11/11
Judy Moody & the Not-Bummer Summer	Comedy	PG	10/11/11
Horrible Bosses	Comedy	B4 R	10/11/11
The Tree of Life	Drama	B4 PG-13	10/11/11
The Green Lantern	Action	B4 PG-13	10/14/11
Bad Teacher	Comedy	R	10/18/11
Monte Carlo	Romantic Comedy	B4 PG	10/18/11
Winnie the Pooh	Animation	G	10/25/11

B4 = Title is available before Netflix and/or Redbox.

Send Us Your Photos!

The deadline for the 2012 Directory Cover Photo Contest is looming. After November 18, you'll lose the chance to have your photographic skills highlighted on our 2012 directory cover. You'll also miss the chance of winning the \$100 First Place prize, \$75 Second Place prize, or \$50 Third Place prize.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Submit up to two photos of a person, place, or thing in the McDonough Telephone directory coverage area. Pictures of friends or family using any of our services would be welcome.
2. All entrants must be McDonough Telephone members or the children of members and reside within our service area. No professional photographers, please.
3. The photograph(s) and negative(s) become the property of MDTC.
4. Send all entries to: Karen Proulx; MDTC; PO Box 359; Colchester, IL 62326 or email to karen@mdtc.net. Please include your name, phone number and a little information about the photograph(s).

We're Coming To YOU!

McDonough Telephone Morning Exchange

Michelle's Countryside Cafe

212 W. Campbell St. • Tennessee, IL

Friday, October 7 • 7-9 a.m.

FREE Breakfast

Come join us!

Directory Additions

Bovard, Kent	254-3738
Clements, Ozzy	254-3389
Conley, Nikki	456-3588
Dollar General #12848	776-4000
Duffy, Robert	652-3522
McGuire, Chaim & Autumn Shields	652-3504
Morrissey, William	257-2229
Phelps, Amber	776-3582
Rutledge, Jeremy	653-2373
Tri-County Seeds Inc.	456-3444
Ward, Angie	652-3401
Watkins, Craig	456-3767
WCISEC-Intermediate	776-4250
Wiler, Natalee	254-3493