

Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator

A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members February 2023

Casting Our Support

Linemen Raise Funds for Burn Foundation

Concern for Community is a guiding principle of cooperatives such as Snapping Shoals EMC. In that spirit, SSEMC's Fishing Trail Team recently raised more than \$8,650 for the Burn Foundation of America. SSEMC's Trust Board also donated \$5,000 from Operation Round Up funds boosting SSEMC's total donation to \$13,650.

The SSEMC Fishing Trail Team raised the funds by selling raffle tickets for a drawing of donated items, including a generator, Blackstone Grill and various gift certificates. 4446309

The Burn Foundation of America provides assistance to burn patients and their families. Assistance includes lodging, meals, transportation, medication, and anti-scarring garments – all free of charge. For more information about the Burn Foundation of America, visit www.burnfoundation.net.



From left, SSEMC linemen Michael Cronan, Matt Durand, Neil Johnson, Randy Nixon and Melvin Brake recently presented \$13,650 from Snapping Shoals EMC to Burn Foundation Chief Operating Officer Steve Chalker.

Operation Round Up Helps Those in Need

Snapping Shoals EMC members who participate in Operation Round Up are part of a program that has helped thousands of people in our local communities.



Operation Round Up offers a way for members to help neighbors in need for what generally amounts to small change – whatever it takes to round up their power bill to the next dollar. Contributions range from a penny to 99 cents per month, an average of just \$6 a year. As a Round Up participant, your Snapping Shoals bill is simply rounded up to the next full dollar. For example, a bill for \$87.80 would be rounded up to \$88.00 and that 20 cents would be donated to the Operation Round Up program. To become an Operation Round Up participant, please call 770-786-3484.

All Operation Round Up requests are reviewed by the Snapping Shoals Electric Trust Board of Directors made up of community leaders who serve on a voluntary basis. The Trust Board, which meets every other month, evaluates all requests and works hard to make decisions about how the funds should be disbursed. Listed at right are the disbursements from the most recent meetings. 3369204

OCTOBER 2022

Individual assistance total: **\$7,241.33**

Organizational Grant Recipients:

Alcovy CASA, Inc. (Newton) - \$5,000
Community Gardens of Henry County, Inc. (Henry) - \$5,000
Harbor of Hope (Henry) - \$2,500
MARR (DeKalb) - \$2,500

DECEMBER 2022

Individual assistance total: **\$12,686.16**

Organizational Grant Recipients:

Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (Atlanta) - \$7,500
Burn Foundation of America (Richmond) - \$5,000
Crosswalk (Henry) - \$1,500
Faithworks (Newton) - \$7,500
Georgia Transplant Foundation (Fulton) - \$7,500
Rachel's Gift, Inc (Henry) - \$5,000
Samaritans Together of Henry County (Henry) - \$8,000
The River Refuge (Henry) - \$5,000
Women's Resource Center (DeKalb) - \$5,000

New Year, New Savings

With the new year comes the chance for making changes to improve your way of life and save some money! Snapping Shoals EMC is here to help you make your home more efficient in 2023 with our new rebates. **Rebates are effective February 1, 2023.**

HVAC/Heat Pump (\$50-\$375)

- Replace your current heat pump/HVAC system with a new 16 SEER or higher unit and receive \$50 per ton up to \$250.
- Replace your current gas system with a 16 SEER or higher electric heat pump and receive \$75 per ton up to \$375.

**Dual fuel heat pumps are excluded.*

Water Heater (\$200-\$350)

- Replace your gas water heater with a 50-gallon or larger electric water heater and receive a \$200 rebate. 3602331
- Replace your gas or electric water heater with a 50-gallon or larger heat pump water heater and receive \$350.

Electric Vehicle (\$250 and \$360 in SSEM bill credits)

- Receive a \$30 SSEM bill credit for 12 months if you purchase or lease an electric vehicle (EV). 1321611
- Receive a \$250 rebate when you purchase a Level 2 EV charger and have it installed at your home. (Charger must be UL rated. NEMA 14-50 adapters do not qualify.)

Smart Thermostat (up to \$75)

- Receive a rebate up to 50 percent of the cost when you purchase a smart home thermostat. Maximum rebate is \$75 and the thermostat must have wi-fi capability. Call us at 770-385-2875 for applicable models.

Insulation Upgrade (up to \$400)

- Receive a rebate of 50 percent of the cost of upgrading your home's insulation if your home was built before 2016. The maximum rebate is \$400. Rebate requires bringing the R-value in your attic up to R-38 and R-19 in the crawl space. "Before" and "after" photos must be provided in order to qualify for the Insulation Upgrade rebate. 1465509

Proof of installation is required and all items must have been purchased within 90 days to receive any rebates from SSEM. Rebate programs may end or change at any time, and all programs are subject to verification from SSEM. For more details and to find out if you qualify, call our Member Services Department at 770-385-2875. Be sure to visit www.energystar.gov for energy efficiency federal tax credits.



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Call Utilities Protection Center
of Georgia at 811 or visit
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and win a \$50 credit!**

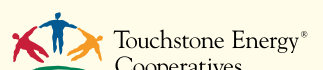
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Don't Miss SSEM's 2023 Scholarship Opportunities

Deadline is
February 24!

J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships

The Snapping Shoals EMC Scholarships were created in 1993 to recognize the achievements of outstanding high school students throughout our area. In 2004, we renamed them the Snapping Shoals EMC J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships in memory of our former manager, president and CEO J.E. "Ed" Robinson, who was at the helm of Snapping Shoals from 1953 to 1995. Academic ability, financial need and other factors, such as school and community activities, are considered in the selection of the scholarship recipients. The Snapping Shoals EMC J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships are currently worth \$2,500 each, and we typically award a total of 14 each spring.

Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships

These scholarships are aimed at recognizing those students who go above and beyond in their extracurricular activities and are named in honor of our former CEO, Bradley K. Thomas, who stressed the importance of community involvement. Involvement in school and community activities is the primary consideration for these scholarships. Academic ability and financial need are also factors in the selection of the scholarship recipients. We typically award eight \$2,500 Bradley K. Thomas scholarships each year.

Any high school senior whose primary residence is served by Snapping Shoals EMC, or whose high school is served by SSEM, may apply for our scholarships. All forms are available online at www.ssemc.com. Full details, instructions, deadlines and eligibility requirements for each scholarship are included with the application forms.