

# Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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## Trustees to be elected

The Darke REC Annual Meeting of Members is held every year to discuss the business of the cooperative and to elect members to the board of trustees. Members of the board of trustees are elected for three-year terms.

Trustees whose terms expire this year are Donald Muhlemkamp of District 1, representing Mississinawa, Allen and Brown townships in Darke County; Judith Fasnacht of District 3, representing Jackson, Washington and Greenville townships in Darke County; and

Keith Daugherty of District 5 representing Harrison and Butler townships in Darke County.

The nominating committee met Jan. 6 at the co-op office to select the following candidates for election to the board of trustees: Darrell Breymier, Roger Fortkamp and Neil Siefing from District 1; Judy Fasnacht and Mary Gray Kinnison from District

3; and Keith Daugherty and Joel Pipenger from District 5.

Each district will elect one candidate at the Annual Meeting of Members on March 18. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lighthouse Christian Center**, 5256 Sebring Warner Road, Greenville, Ohio.

### TRUSTEES

Jack L. Kitchel .....President  
Keith Daugherty ...Vice President  
Judith Fasnacht .....Secy.-Treas.  
Dan Gehret .....Trustee  
Virgil Hale .....Trustee  
Michelle Marker .....Trustee  
Donald Muhlenkamp .....Trustee  
Ted Holsapple .....Gen. Manager

**Monday through Friday**  
**7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Closed Saturdays**

Failure to receive your electric bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact us before the due date.

## Official Notice

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
***2010 Annual Meeting of Members***

**Thursday, March 18, 2010**

**Lighthouse Christian Center**  
Greenville, Ohio

### PROGRAM

Registration: .....10 a.m.  
Lunch: .....11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Business meeting: .....12:30 p.m.  
Election of trustees: .....Districts 1, 3 & 5  
Entertainment: ....***One More Time Swing Band***

### Door Prizes

***Be sure to mark meal reservations  
on your bill that is due March 10!***

**The Nominating Committee selected the following candidates for trustee to be voted on March 18, 2010:**

**District 1:**

Darrell Breymier  
Roger Fortkamp  
Neil Siefring

**District 3:**

Judy Fasnacht  
Mary Gray Kinnison

**District 5:**

Keith Daugherty  
Joel Pipenger



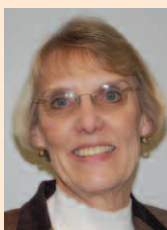
*Darrell Breymier*



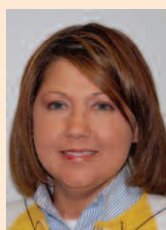
*Roger Fortkamp*



*Neal Siefring*



*Judith Fasnacht*



*Mary Gray-Kinnison*



*Keith Daugherty*



*Joel Pipenger*

**District 1:**

**Darrell Breymier** resides at 12151 Hitz Road, Mississinawa Township, in Darke County, and has been a member of Darke Rural Electric Cooperative for 24 years. He is a self-employed grain farmer. Darrell and his wife, Tonya, have a son and a daughter. He is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau and the Farmers Union.

**Roger Fortkamp** resides at 1238 Peters Road, Mississinawa Township, in Darke County and has been a member of the cooperative for 31 years. He is engaged in full-time production agriculture (laying hens). Roger has been a Mississinawa Township Trustee for the last 14 years, is a coach for the CYO basketball program and is a former board member of the Fort Recovery Equity. He and his wife, Marilyn, have seven children and they are members of the Sharpsburg St. Paul's Catholic Church.

**Neal Siefring** resides at 2625 St. Rte. 705, Allen Township, in Darke County and has been a member of the cooperative for 23 years. He is a self-employed dairy farmer and also currently serves as an Allen Township Trustee. Neal is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau and is an active volunteer with Boy Scouts Troop 237. He and his wife, Elaine, have four children and are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Men's Sodality.

**District 3:**

**Judith Fasnacht** resides at 2853 Greenville Nashville Road, Greenville Township, in Darke County and has been a member of the cooperative for 37 years. Judy has served on the board of trustees for 12 years, currently serving as secretary. She attended Manchester College, where she majored in business. Judith managed the Darke County Blood Program for 15 years, served as director of volunteer services for Hospice of Darke County and is currently employed at a local law office. She and her husband, Keith, are active members of the Oakland Church of the Brethren and the parents of four grown children.

**Mary Gray-Kinnison**

along with her husband, Craig, resides on a farm at 7918 Fisher Dangler Road, Washington Township, in Darke County and has been a member of the cooperative for 17 years. She graduated from William Woods University in Missouri and has worked for the Darke County Department of Job and Family Services for 18 years, currently as an Eligibility Referral Specialist in the Legal and Long-Term Care Division. Mary enjoys volunteering for the Darke County Parks, working at the Darke County Fair and for the Board of Elections during each election.

**District 5:**

**Keith Daugherty** resides at 741 Braffettsville North Road, Harrison Township, in Darke County and has been a member of the cooperative for 43 years. Keith has served on the board of trustees for 10 years, currently serving as vice president. He graduated from New Madison High School. He is a full-time farmer raising livestock and miniature horses. Keith is also employed at the Kreitzer Funeral Home in Arcanum. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Midwest Draft Horse and Mule Association and the Ohio and Indiana Pony Pullers Association. Keith has two children and attends St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New Paris.

**Joel Pipenger**

resides at 1087 Richmond Palestine Road, Harrison Township, in Darke County. He has been a member of the cooperative for 24 years. Joel is a full-time grain farmer of 1,000 acres in Darke and Preble counties. He also is employed part-time at the Farm Service Agency in Darke County. Joel is a Farm Bureau Member and belongs to the Tri-Village Athletic Boosters. He and his wife, Teresa, enjoy following their son in his sports activities. The Pipengers are members of the Castine Church of the Brethren.

# Preregister now for the 2010 Annual Meeting Health Fair

Wayne Hospital will conduct a health fair at the March 18 Annual Meeting of Members. It will offer a wellness blood panel (that the member must pay for) as well as several other tests. The body mass index, heel bone density test, pulmonary function test and blood pressure/pulse are free to members if you register and pay for the health awareness blood panel.

## Cost to members:

Health Awareness Blood Panel (test for Total Cholesterol, Direct HDL, Direct LDL, Calcium, BUN, and Creatinine) — **\$18**

PSA (screening for men) — **\$30**

Hemoglobin and Hematocrit (test for Anemia) — **\$6**

Body Mass Index — **free** with one of the above blood panels

Heel Bone Density — **free** with one of the above blood panels

Pulmonary Function — **free** with one of the above blood panels

Blood Pressure/Pulse Ox — **free** with one of the above blood panels

If you are interested in participating in the 2010 Health Fair at the Darke REC Annual Meeting of Members, please fill out the form below and send it to:

**Darke REC**  
**Attn.: Beth Davenport**  
**P.O. Box 278**  
**Greenville, OH 45331**

**(To preregister please send completed form by March 8)**

## 2010 Annual Meeting Health Fair – Darke Rural Electric Cooperative *Wayne Hospital Sign-up Sheet* **Thursday, March 18**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## ACRE/Co-op Owners for Political Action at Darke REC Annual Meeting

In the past couple of years we introduced a new program to our members called “Our Energy, Our Future,” a national grassroots campaign to engage cooperative members in a conversation with elected officials about how we meet climate change goals while keeping electricity reliable and affordable. We have asked our members to ask questions about climate change, fuel supply, technology and costs. Today, thousands of Ohio cooperative members have sent messages to members of Congress. Your voice does matter and it is important that you let your representative know that you are working to keep electricity affordable and reliable.



At this year’s annual meeting, we will ask members to sign up for ACRE/COPA®. COPA stands for Co-op Owners for Political Action. COPA will allow you to give your support to members of Congress who speak for electric cooperatives and who protect the interest of our members. For \$2.08 a month, you can sign up and give your support to members of

Congress who support electric cooperatives.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting but are interested in joining or obtaining more information on COPA, please call the cooperative office.

Please help your electric cooperative by supporting COPA.

## Reminder:

*Last chance to apply*

**Scholarship & Youth Tour  
applications are due**

**March 15**

**at the cooperative office.**

**Scholarship contest will be held April 5.**