



Join Us to Celebrate 80 Years Serving You!

You're invited to KEC's 80th Anniversary Member Celebration on Saturday, September 8, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Bluegrass Park at 6071 N. Courcelles Pkwy. in Coeur d'Alene. Join us for Touchstone Energy® hot air balloon tethered rides, a BBQ lunch, safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides, a dance class for kids, a bounce house and more. Each member household will also receive an 80th Anniversary Commemorative gift.

Schedule of Events

- 9-11 a.m.: Hot air balloon (weather permitting) and bucket truck rides [1290315]
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Lunch, safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides and activities for the family.
- Stop by anytime—we hope to see you there!



If you have any questions please contact us at 208.765.1200 or kec@kec.com.

Operation Round Up® Donations Reach \$1,000,000

Operation Round Up® began at KEC in 2002 and since has donated more than \$1 million to our community. What does it look like when our members donate \$1 million to our community?



- \$230,700 to local schools
- \$217,400 to community non-profit organizations
- \$164,100 to wellness organizations
- \$142,000 for college scholarships to KEC members or their children
- \$109,500 to Project Share for energy assistance for members in need
- \$50,700 to local clubs and groups
- \$40,900 to KEC members in need
- \$28,770 to senior centers
- \$19,550 to food banks

\$1,003,620 Total Donations to Date

Thank you to our members who round up for our community. Learn more about the program on the following pages.

MORE than a utility. A LIFELINE.

OPERATION ROUND UP®

When neighbors are in need, we take action through Operation Round Up® grants. Last year, 30 local nonprofits and community groups received \$68,454 to help with everything from energy payment assistance to various health care and school programs.

Participating in Operation Round Up® is easy. No one donates more than \$12 a year but together our members have generated more than \$1 million since November 2002, and it's made a world of difference. The donations are placed in a trust (called the Kootenai Electric Trust) and a volunteer board of KEC members determines how to allocate the funds. [1829699]

Grants are awarded to local non-profit organizations including schools, food banks, senior centers and more. Grants are reported quarterly in the newsletter and at www.kec.com. You may also visit KEC's YouTube channel to watch videos on recent grants.

To us, you are more than an account number. That's why KEC also helps hometown students pay for college. We have supported 132 students with \$142,000 in college scholarships over the last 12 years. These scholarships help educate and strengthen our community.

Are you "rounding up" your KEC bill? If not, we need your help! The

need in our community continues to grow and the Operation Round Up® program is looking for more members to participate. Contact us at kec@kec.com or 208.765.1200 to sign up. Members who choose not to contribute to Operation Round Up®, or who would like to begin contributing, may simply "opt-out" or "opt-in" on their bill or contact KEC by phone, letter or email.

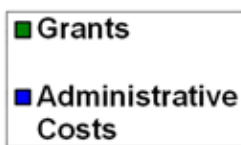
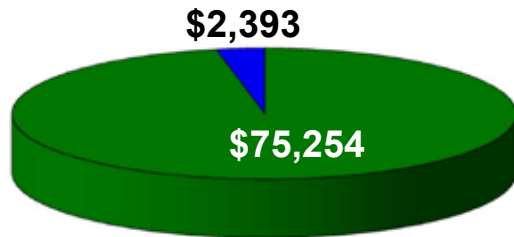
Trust Board (below from left): Kathleen Barrett, District 4; Connie McGee, District 3; Fred Muhs, District 5; Cheri Zao, District At-Large; Len Crosby, Chair, District 2; Tom Craig Zajicek, Vice Chair, District At-Large; and Susan Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer, District 1.



“Small change to most, but the collective result really adds up—to more than \$1,000,000.”

2017 OPERATION ROUND UP® ANNUAL REPORT

**2017 ACTIVITIES
COLLECTED FUNDS
\$79,741**



**Independent Accountant's
Report Conducted by
Magnuson, McHugh &
Company, P.A.**

- \$2,500 to the Boys & Girls Club of Kootenai County for their Power Hour program, which offers one-on-one and small group tutoring for students in need of extra help.
- \$2,500 to Panhandle Health District for the Seeds to Sprouts program, which offers classes on parenting skills, child development and safety.
- \$2,000 to Post Falls Food Bank for the Grocery Rescue Program. [1691230]
- \$2,000 to Timberlake High School to bring Rachel's Challenge Program to their school.
- \$1,500 to the Children's Village for the purchase of sensory tools for the children.
- \$1,500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the equipment loan closet program to help those affected by muscle debilitating diseases.
- \$1,500 to Crane Historical Society to hire an arborist to take care of an historical tree in town.
- \$425 to the Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association to purchase and install a new water heater.

Sampling of 2017 grants:

- \$7,500 to KEC's Project Share program for KEC members in need of energy assistance.
- \$2,500 to the City of Athol to help purchase a new park play structure for ages 2-5.

Trust Board Awards 2nd Quarter 2018 Grants

The Kootenai Electric Trust Board recently awarded quarterly Operation Round Up® grants. The Trust Board received 13 grant requests and awarded \$16,000 to the following applicants:

- \$2,500 to Athol Elementary to purchase Chromebooks for a third grade class.
- \$2,500 to Gizmo-CDA for the "Pi in the Sky" camp.
- \$2,500 to Idaho Drug Free Youth to support services that increase drug prevention skills and awareness for North Idaho students.
- \$2,500 to the Rathdrum Senior Center to purchase a regulator for a stove gas line, batteries for electric wheelchairs and parking lot striping.
- \$1,500 to ICARE of St. Vincent de Paul to provide scholarship funding for facilitator training.
- \$1,500 to Inland Northwest Opera to underwrite the cost of performing a children's opera at elementary schools in North Idaho. [1592165]
- \$1,200 to the Christian Youth Theater of North Idaho to purchase storage shelves.
- \$1,000 to the Mission of Charity to provide support to those most in need, including utilities, food, rent and more.
- \$800 to St. Maries High School to purchase two Adobe Cloud software leases for the film program.

The next grant applications are due October 31, 2018 at the KEC office. Applications are available at the KEC office or www.kec.com.



Save at Silverwood This Summer

Save at Silverwood Theme Park with your Co-op Connections® Card! Silverwood Theme Park is the largest theme and water park in the Northwest and is the top visited attraction in Idaho!



Use your Co-op Connections® Card discount to take advantage of a special online only discount on day passes. This program allows members to save time and money by purchasing and printing tickets using their home computers.

Note: these tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. Tax is not included in the pricing below. These offers are not valid at the gate. [1819426]

Here's How to Save:

Visit www.silverwoodthemepark.com and click Buy Tickets. From there KEC members can receive the following discounted pricing during the regular 2018 season:

- General Admission: \$46 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$25 (ages 3-7 and 65+)
- Use the promo code: **connections**

NEWS BRIEFS

POWER OUTAGE REMINDERS

Power outages may be reported using KEC's SmartHub app or by calling 877.744.1055. Members may receive power outage updates a few ways:

- Visit www.kec.com to view our outage map.
- Visit KEC's Facebook page.
- Sign up for KEC text or email alerts. KEC offers this service at no cost. You can receive your outage updates by either text message or email. Please be aware power outage alerts are sent out 24/7 and some cell phone providers charge for text messages. To sign up, log in to your KEC account at www.kec.com or download the SmartHub app.

SIGN UP FOR EARLY DISCOUNTED CAPITAL CREDITS

This month, qualifying members will receive information in the mail about the Early Discounted Capital Credit program. This program allows eligible members the choice to either receive the current value of their 2017 capital credits this year or to receive a full retirement in the future. When you select the

option to participate in the program, you will receive a credit on your November billing statement for the current value of your contribution to the Cooperative last year. If you'd rather wait and let your capital credits mature to their full value, you can do that too. The choice is yours—just call 208.765.1200 or email capitalcredits@kec.com to make your selection by October 1, 2018. An election to participate or not participate in this program is made by the KEC member account holder on a voluntary basis. Members may opt-in or opt-out of the program at any time by contacting us at capitalcredits@kec.com or 208.765.1200.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Six KEC account numbers are hidden in this newsletter. If one of these is yours, contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill!

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary—please call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details. [1277621]