SMPA Board Kicks Off 2019 by Sending Out Over $1 Million in Member Dividends!

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In a typical year, SMPA collects more than enough revenue to cover its expenses. The excess revenue, called “margins,” is allocated to each consumer in proportion to their contributions for that year. The cooperative reserves this money for a period of time. When the Board determines the time is right, allocations for a given year or combination of years are cashed out as “Member Dividends” and returned to the members.

This month, many SMPA members received checks in the mail. The dividends represent allocations from the years 1989, 1991, and 1992. The majority of members received dividend checks between $20 and $250. Some large power users, including towns, counties, and schools received checks over $1000.

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Center Stage: PalmKidz Expands with Support from SMPA

Since 1960, scientists have been collecting data supporting the theory that stimulating environments bolster brain development—especially for the young. Palm Arts Inc. of Telluride seeks to help provide just such a stimulating environment for children in Telluride and the surrounding region with its PalmKidz program.

PalmKidz brings affordable, live, diverse and inclusive family programming to the region. Last year’s performances included such artists as the Creede Repertory Theater, Opera Colorado, Hip Hop artist Mr. Kneel, Latino artists Jarabe Mexicano, and award-winning classical violinist Tessa Lark.

In 2018-19 Palm Arts expanded the PalmKidz program by increasing the number of performances and making it a year-round program. Regional funding from donors like SMPA have allowed Palm Arts Inc. to make the program 100% free for all attendees and the program was able to grow its audience and serve over 1300 patrons in the region!

“The PalmKidz program has been an amazing success thanks to the generosity of San Miguel Power Association,” said Chris Vann, Palm Arts Programming and Development Director.

Sharing Success Economic Development Grants Awarded

Local business owners have it tough. Never mind the litany of concerns that owners must address in order to keep their doors open, they must also invest in their communities to help ensure there are enough customers to walk through those doors. For all our sakes, local businesses work, risk and invest for the communities they serve.

SMPA, and cooperative partners, CoBank and Tri-State Generation and Transmission recognize and appreciate the efforts of local businesses. That’s why we’ve partnered to provide the Sharing Success Economic Development Grant to help support community initiatives that aim to benefit the entire business community of a region.

These initiatives:
- Stimulate job creation in our area
- Promote economic growth
- Create/improve local commerce
- Maintain/strengthen existing businesses
- Enhance regional prosperity

Congratulations to the winners of the following 2018 Sharing Success Economic Development Grants:
- Town of Naturita: $10,000
- Top of the Pines: $3,000
- Silverton Farmer’s Market: $2,500
- Town of Silverton: $2,500
- West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC): $2000

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LIGHTING THE WAY

SMPA was proud to support local holiday festivities with floats in Christmas Parades of Ouray, Nucla, Norwood and Ridgway. Thanks to all who came out to see us!

SMPA POWER PLAY

This Month’s Puzzle: 1, LE NICE, CRAFTI, REDI TEC
Hint: Need more outlets? Call me.

Submit your answer and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

EnergyWise
PO Box 1150
Ridgway, CO 81432

Last Month’s Scramble Answer: MEMBER DIVIDENDS